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1981 WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

Mac's the man, says Rudi

Victorian schoolteacher Bobby McLachlan is the man to lead the young Australians in the Coca-Cola world youth championship to be played here next year.

So says national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

He is expected to recommend to the Australian Soccer Federation that it appoints McLachlan as national youth coach.

Joe Vlasits, who led the Socceroos in their 1968 World Cup campaign, is the other leading candidate for the post. Ron Tindall of Western Australia may also be in the running.

Now it depends upon whether the ASF executive will vote according to State loyalties and prejudices or whether it will agree to the wishes of Gutendorf.

"McLachlan is an expert at handling youth players," Gutendorf told NSW and Victorian pressmen last week. "He has an understanding of the players, a real feeling for youth soccer. At training he is tough, he demands discipline. He gets things done.

"It is McLachlan who gave us players like Eddie Krncevic, George Christopoulos and Greg Woodhouse. They were in his Australian Schoolboys squad that toured North America in 1978.

"From there, and on his recommendation, I took Krncevic, Christopoulos, Woodhouse, Paul Kay, Peter Raskopoulos, Danny Moulis and others for my national youth team.

"So you can see that Bobby is a big part of the national team's success."

McLachlan has an impressive record as player and coach.

He played for APIA, George Cross, Croatia (Vic) and Box Hill, has coached Makedonia, Albion Rovers, Footscray J.U.S.T., Juventus (Vic), Brighton, Sunshine City and his present club Green Gully Ajax and was assistant coach of both Heidelberg United and Victoria.

He coached the Victorian schoolboys as well as the Australian schoolboys. He teaches at Caulfield Technical School.

He has taken Ajax into the State League top four for the first time.

The man in charge of the Australian youth team will lead the young Socceroos against 15 other finalists from 3 to 18 October next year.

Group matches will be in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide, quarter-finals in Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney and Newcastle, semi-finals in Sydney and Melbourne, the third-place play-off in Melbourne and the final in Sydney. — LAURIE SCHWAB

Bobby McLachlan

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Hello, hello hello, what's this then?

• *The law swoops on Socceroo goalkeepers Peter Marshall (left) and Greg Woodhouse (right) as they try to train in the park near the Shrine, opposite their hotel, before the game against Mexico in Melbourne. Coach Rudi Gutendorf is sent for and also given a dressing down (picture right) for conducting training in the park. How did it all end? Turn to page 15.*

$6 million move off

The world's No. 1 player, Diego Maradona, called off his planned move from Argentinos Juniors to Barcelona of Spain when the Argentine F.A. stepped in and loaned Argentinos Juniors $400,000 to pay Maradona until the end of 1980.

The transfer would have involved a world record transfer of $6 million, a $2 million signing-on fee, the 15 per cent due to Maradona (almost another $1 million) and a host of other benefits.

Maradona had been playing without a contract and had said he would leave for Spain if no solution was found.

His lawyers advised him of the lengthy court case involved had he gone ahead with his stated intention of taking the Argentine F.A. to court over a ban on his transfer until after the next World Cup.

Maradona would have won his case against the Argentine F.A. but the football association could not have been forced to grant him an international clearance certificate.

Diego Maradona

Allan Maher

George Potter

Maher, Potter first to 100

By BRUCE WADDELL

Marconi goalkeeper Allan Maher and Brisbane City player-coach George Potter are poised to become the first centurions of the Philips Soccer League.

Barring injury or sickness, Maher and Potter will register their 100th appearances (purely PSL League matches and excluding Cup games and semi-finals) on Sunday.

Maher will reach his milestone in Marconi's home game against Newcastle United and Potter's 100th appearance will also be in a home game, when Brisbane City meets Blacktown City.

There were naturally 26 League matches in each of the first three years of the PSL and this weekend will be round 23, making a total of 101 matches.

The two outstanding personalities will then have missed only one full match each. Maher stepped down for the first time only a few weeks ago when he was unavailable because of sickness.

Whereas Maher's 100 games will all be full appearances, Potter's will be made up of 97 full games and three part appearances.

There are several other players who overall have made more than 100 appearances in league, cup and top four's games. Apart from Maher and Potter, they include Heidelberg's Pat Bannon and Canberra's Danny Moulis.

But Maher and Potter are the first two to reach the mark in actual home and away PSL games.

Yakka Banovic

$120,000 Banovic

Heidelberg United goalkeeper Yakka Banovic became the most expensive player in Australian soccer when he transferred to English Second Division club Derby County last week.

The transfer fee is at least 45,000 pounds (about $85,000) and it could be as high as 65,000 (about $120,000).

Heidelberg spokesman Ollie Norris revealed that Derby County would pay Heidelberg:

- 20,000 pounds when Banovic's contract is signed;
- 12,500 pounds on 1 December;
- 12,500 pounds on 1 March;
- 10,000 pounds if Banovic plays 10 senior games;
- 10,000 pounds if he plays 20 senior games.

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LAURIE SCHWAB

The travel agency handling Australia's proposed world tour in November has struck difficulties resulting in alarmist predictions that the tour will be scrapped.

ASF secretary Brian le Fevre however, is confident the Socceroos will get away. "It's not easy getting matches, especially matches to suit coach Rudi Gutendorf who does not particularly want to play against club sides, but we'll get the loose ends tied up soon" le Fevre said.

What the Socceroos need more than anything is to play against strong Asian teams like South or North Korea, Malaysia, Iraq, Irsael, Kuwait, even Iran which would not be a particularly pleasant stopover at the moment.

Such games would show the Socceroos how good or bad they are by World Cup standards and how to strengthen their weaknesses.

Joe Vlasits and the Socceroos of 1967-69 benefited from playing against New Zealand, South Korea, Malaysia and Japan before the 1969 qualifying series.

Similarly, Rale Rasic's Socceroos played against Iran, Israel, New Zealand and South Korea overseas, and Irsael at home before their 1973 qualifying programme.

Those two Australian teams did very well against the Asian sparring partners. Subsequently, Australia failed by only a goal to reach the 1970 World Cup finals, and of course qualified for the 1974 finals.

The next crop of Socceroos did not do as well in the few matches they had against significant Asians — drawing with Indonesia and Israel away for example, drawing twice at homewith Israel and even losing to Hong Kong and Fiji.

Those results were the symptom of the sickness that resulted in Australia finishing second-last in the 1973 World Cup qualifying series.

Gutendorf's Socceroos were undefeated in China and Taiwan, and in the Oceania Cup but the games were against mainly weak opponents. The only match against a significant team from this region resulted in a 0-1 loss to New Zealand.

That was early on, and probably could now be reversed but the important thing is that the Socceroos need more such matches, providing the top Asians are willing to show their hand against us.

Australia 1 (Cole 58th) Mexico 1 (Castro 67th) at Olympic Park, crowd about 8000.
Australia: Woodhouse 6 – Perry 8, Yzendoorn 8, Henderson 7, Tansey 8 – Sharne 8, Christopoulos (Senkalski 9, 34th), Barnes (Jankovics 8, 34th), Krrncevic 9 – Boden 8, Cole 8.
Mexico: Cortez (injured, sub Rodriguez 9, 30th) – Fuentes 9, Tena 9, Vazquez 9, Manzo 9, de la Torre 8 – Gonzalez 7 (Tapia 75th), Manguia 7, Luna 6 – Azuara 6 (Cristobal 62nd), Castro 6.
Referee: Bambridge 5
Cautions: Azuara, Vazquez, de la Torre, Gonzalez (Mexico); Barnes, Henderson (Australia).

The world tour presented the Socceroos with their only opportunity to meet the giants they will have to contend with in the World Cup.

In purely statistical terms, the present-day Socceroos are the most successful we have had apart from the Rasic team.

The table on this page tells the story.

However, until we get the chance to measure ourselves against Iraq, Iran or the Koreas, the figures will mean little in practical terms. Even as they stand, they indicate little improvement since 1967.

After two successive draws with Mexico, we must face the stark reality of having had six successive games against three different opponents without recording a victory.

The last win was the 2-1 against AC Milan in Sydney.

We couldn't really expect to beat England or Northern Ireland but it is a shame we blew it against Mexico.

The conviction of Mexico's coach Raul Cardenas that Australia is tactically and technically better than New Zealand which beat the Latins 4-0, is some consolation, but it's results that will count in the World Cup, not encouragment.

The Socceroos have to win at home against teams that will be as defensive as Mexico was in Melbourne.

Iran was equally as defensive in Melbourne in 1973 and went home with an 1-0 victory through a breakaway goal, just as Mexico was able to clinch its 1-1 draw last week.

The Socceroos dominated the match against Mexico to a greater extent than I can remember them dominating any opponent at home.

But they did it mainly by rushing headlong at the opposition with little thought.

At least sometimes they should have varied their play by holding the ball and pushing it around among themselves in midfield to try to draw the Mexicans out of defence.

But they didn't, so the Mexicans kept up to eight men in and around the penalty area most of the time which made it extremely difficult for the Australian forwards.

But, to be fair, it was only bad luck that prevented the Australians from turning that constant pressure into convincing victory.

Murray Barnes, for example, should have scored from Eddie Krncevic's cut-back in the 16 th minute but blasted high over the bar instead.

Four minutes after half time Krncevic sent Cole galloping away on a pass out of defence. Cole passed forward to Ken Boden who played it back into Cole's path for a low shot which goalkeeper Ignacio Rodriguez somehow managed to turn for a corner.

In the 66th. minute a pass from Jim Tansey sent Peter Sharne into the clear on the left but while Sharne's square ball into the box beat all the Mexican defenders, there wasn't a forward handy to put it away.

Tony Henderson hit the crossbar with a header and a sizzling long-range shot by Boden was turned over the bar by Rodriquez even though he was well off his hine.

The big improvement in this second match against Mexico was in the way the Socceroos gave each other closer support, thus enabling them to keep possession through interpassing. This type of play had been almost totally non-existent in the 2-2 draw in Sydney.

One inspired passing movement resulted in Australia's goal in the 58th minute. Tansey started it at left back and went crossfield via Krncevic to Joe Senkalski whose cross into the middle was shot high into the net by Gary Cole on the turn.

But Australia also made some foolish defensive mistakes, just as it did in Sydney. Henderson, for example, lost the ball to Jose Luis who dashed clear into the penalty area. Luckily Greg Woodhouse reacted quickly and came out to pounced at Gonzalez's feet.

Yet Woodhouse stood glued to the ground, off his line, caught by surprise by Richardo Castro's 25-metre shot that levelled the score in the 67th. minute.

The Australian defenders had very little work to do in this game, but that's no excuse for losing concentration.

Just a word about the refereeing. Sure, it was difficult for both Tony Boskovic in Sydney and Chris Bambridge in Melbourne because the tackling was worthier of Roman gladiators than soccer players.

Yet in Sydney, Boskovic failed to award a penalty when Boden clearly was fouled inside the area, he was not tough enough to show Manzo the appropriate red card when he kicked both legs from under John Yzendoorn.

In Melbourne, Bambridge justifiably flashed yellow cards galore as Boskovic had in Sydney but he would not take the responsibility of sending Henderson off for that jumbo jet tackle on Castro. Nor would he send off goalkeeper Rodriguez and give the appropriate penalty when Rodriguez kicked Gary Cole.

Eddie Krncevic was the star of both games against Mexico. In Sydney he started as central striker and went to the left after half time to make room for Mark Jankovics. In Melbourne where Gutendorf used Boden and Cole as twin strikers, Krncevic played at left midfield from where he started attacks galore and pushed up also for shots and to challenge in the air around goal. His work-rate in both games was highter than that of any of his team mates.

Mexican coach Cardenas, not surprisingly, named Krncevic as the Australian who had impressed him most.

The two matches provided Gutendorf with no clear-cut answers in his continuing search for the right combination.

John Yzendoorn was successful as sweeper in Melbourne, but even more so when he played midfield in Sydney.

The midfield remains a problem. Murray Barnes worked hard and was fairly effective there in Sydney but not in Melbourne. Tony Henderson was a midfield failure in Sydney but did a lot better as stopper. Ken Boden is much better up front than in midfield. George Christopoulos was taken off after only 34 minutes in Melbourne.

Gutendorf concedes he needs a defensive midfielder. He's considering Henderson for the role, in which case Jim Muir may return as stopper, as Gutendorf likes Muir's tough style. He also likes Arno Bertogna who wasn't given a run and I still see Bertonga as the better stopper and I hope he proves himself on the tour.

This table shows Australia's performance in the period preceding the World Cup qualifying series of 1969, 1973, 1977 and 1981.

The figures show the number of matches, percentage success rate, average number of goals scored per game and average number of goals conceded per game.

We have split the games played into games against European and South American teams, and against Asian teams (including New Zealand) to give a truer comparison between each period.

The games against Asian teams in the current period includes the Oceania Cup tournament, where the 11-2 victory against Papua New Guinea contributed heavily to the high average number of goals per game.

	'66-'69	'70-'73	'75-'77	'78-'80
v. European and Sth American teams	7 games	15 games	28 games	17 games
	28.5%	33.3%	26.8%	29.4%
	.7 for	1 for	1.2 for	1 for
	1.4 ag.	1.5 ag.	1.9 ag.	1.9 ag.
v. Asian teams (incl. NZ & Mid. East Oceania)	13 games	21 games	13 games	12 games
	88.5%	85.7%	76.9%	87.5%
	3.4 for	2.2 for	1.6 for	3.8 for
	1.5 ag.	.8 ag.	.8 ag.	.9 ag.

Australia lines up, from left: Greg Woodhouse, Murray Barnes, Steve Perry, Peter Sharne, Jim Tansey, Ken Boden, John Yzendoorn, George Christopoulos, Gary Cole, Eddie Krncevic, Tony Henderson. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Blood splatters Tony Henderson's shirt from a cut over the left eye — courtesy of Armando Manzo

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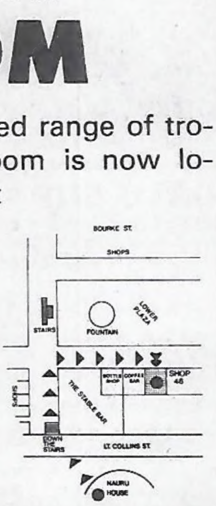

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and ideas

Mexican goalkeeper Gregorio Cortez went to hospital with a suspected fractured arm after Gary Cole had crashed into him. The pictures by Les Shorrock shows Cole's approach and execution.

Joe Senkalski was so good in Melbourne after coming on as a subsititute that Gutendorf referred to him as Australia's Wolfgang Overath.

Mark Jankovics also was good in midfield in Melbourne but he clearly prefers playing up front and not having tp pick up men.

What's the answer to the midfield problem, where the possible combinations will increase in number when Jimmy Rooney returns?

It's Gutendorf's problem. I'm glad it's not mine.

He does have the players who can do it. Cole and Boden worked together very well as twin strikers, Sharne's explosiveness makes him a must in this team, although he should sometimes try to cut inside rather than being pushed exclusively down the line. Krncevic is indispendible whatever position he occupies, Henderson and Barnes are useful stoppers against strong teams that use twin strikers, and Yzendoorn has shown he can fill Ivo Prskalo's sweeper's position or play in midfield.

The tour will further define the top eleven but I suspect that purely because of the multi-purpose nature of these players, we will see varying line-ups even in the World Cup.

Socceroos appearance and goalscoring records:

FULL INTERNATIONALS

62 Wilson.
58. Abonyi
53. Rooney
49. Schaefer, Baartz
43. Warren
39. Alston
34. Utjesenovic
32. Richards
31. Vojtek, Mackay
30. Ollerton
29. Bennett
28. Corry, Ackerley
26. Harris
23. Watkiss
22. J. Nyskohus, Kosmina, Buljevic, Curran
21. G. Byrne
20. Harding, Barnes
19. Keith, McColl
18. Clarke, Muniz, Williams
17. Tansey
16. Tolson, Sharne
15. Reilly, E. Campbell, Westwater
14. Maher, Marnoch, Krncevic
13. R. Hogg
12. Woodhouse
10. Blue, Stone Henderson

TOTAL APPEARANCES

115. Wilson
99. Rooney
88. Abonyi
72. Schaefer
62. Warren
61. Utjesenovic, Alston
60. Richards
59. Baartz
55. Ollerton, Bennett
52. Mackay
47. Harris
45. G. Byrne
44. J. Nyskohus, Harding
43. Vojtek, Williams
38. Kosmina
37. Tansey
36. Muniz
35. Reilly
34. Curran, Clarke, Barnes
33. Corry
31. Watkiss
30. Buljevic, Ackerley
29. Maher
25. Sharne
24. E. Campbell
21. Keith, Jankovics, Krncevic
20. McColl, Henderson.

INTERNATIONAL GOALS

25. Abonyi
18. Basartz
13. Ollerton
8. Vojtek, McColl
7. Alston, Sharne, Buljevic
6. Krncevic, Kosmina, Warren
5. Hunter, Richards, Mackay

TOTAL GOALS

36. Abonyi
21. Baartz
20. Ollerton
17. Alston
15. Krncevic
13. Vojtek
12. Kosmina
11. Buljevic
10. Richards, Harding
9. Warren, McColl
8. Sharne, Cole

Peter Sharne weaves past Juan Antonio Luna (left) and Ricardo Castro.

IN FOCUS

By Peter Scott

Still problems but World Cup closer

Mexico's two-match series against the Socceroos would have been the most useful part of our World Cup aspirants' preparation for their forthcoming battles on the road to Spain.

This much can be stated unequivocally, in spite of the many doubting Thomases, who didn't see much sense in these encounters.

The crowds may not have been the biggest ever, the standard of the Mexicans certainly is not in the top European class . . . so what?

Our Latin visitors are outstanding examples of the sort of hurdles we will have to clear — and clear cleanly anu with confidence — if a berth in Spain is to become more than just a mirage.

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With this in mind, it must be admitted that the confrontation was a long way short of being a resounding success.

There were some grave and important shortcomings in Australia's performance.

Perhaps the most significant was highlighted at the post-match Press conference in Sydney when Mexican coach Raul Cardenas was asked if he found anything unexpected in the tactics the Socceroos employed.

Our polite visitor responded by telling the gathering of what he had expected from the Aussies and how he prepared to counteract the perceived threat.

Which is a very polite and circumspect answer of "no" to the question.

And he was probably right!

The tactical repertoire of the Socceroos does seem somewhat threadbare at the moment, most noticeably in the attacking third of the field.

Mostly it is confined to an incessant pumping of long, high balls into the penalty area with monotonous regularity which becomes quite easy to counteract.

There are exceptions, when sudden flashes of unexpected genius manifest themselves but, alas, much too rarely.

This is significant, because against the expected mass defences prevailing in international football nowadays, there will have to be constant variation of attacking play to find a way through to goal.

Anything less will be considered child's play by at least the better teams in Asia.

★★★

Technically we also have a problem, expecially in heading.

Australia simply does not have a player at the moment who, under pressure in the air from uncompromising defenders (or even on his own!) is able consistently to present a danger with well-directed, powerful, or finicky headers.

That, of course, makes the overuse of high crosses into the penalty area largely a waste.

Rudi Gutendorf cannot do much — or even a little — about this problem.

The time to teach Australian soccer players the technical skills of the game is not when they reach the Socceroo squad but many years before.

However, the limitations must be recognised and the tactics tailored to fit them.

No good asking an amateur musician to conduct like Toscanini; the same applies in sport.

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Still on the same subject, the eternal curse of Australian soccer remains — the inability to cash in on gilt-edged sitters.

This could prove to be a very costly shortcoming during the months to come.

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Incidentally, spare a thought for the coach of a Philips League team, who last week confessed to me that no less than eight members of his squad are simply incapable of kicking a soccer ball to a distance of 30 metres or more.

And, he wasn't even talking about direction or accuracy, only about booting the leather away into the wild blue yonder.

★★★

Back to the Mexican series, it had some positive aspects, too.

First and foremost, Australia went into the encounters firm favorite and justifiably so.

This means that long gone are the days when allcomers had to be faced with trepidation, such as the likes of Kuwait in the last World Cup campaign.

This is Rudi Gutendor's greatest achievement and, because of his work — as much off, as on the field — Australia has an excellent chance of mounting a serious challenge for a place in the final 24.

The ASF must also be congratulated for providing Gutendorf and his players with the number of international matches, against varied opposition and often at a great financial cost, necessary to make our campaign a viable one.

Obviously, there were areas of friction with the PSL, but they can be avoided in future by taking a leaf out of the books of overseas federations and initiating long-term forward planning of international commitments.

The ASF should be signing up international matches for 1983 already and until this is done, the current problems will continue to occur with monotonous regularity.

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Sad about Gerry Chaldi's falling out with West Adelaide, but I don't see too many problems for him in the future.

He is still the "winningest", and certainly one of the best, coaches in the nation — and you can't keep a good man down.

In fact, don't be surprised to hear that several clubs are literally falling over each other trying to secure his services for 1981.

I just hope they will have more patience in allowing a professional to do his job than West Adelaide did.

Gary Cole makes his characteristic gesture of triumph after scoring for Australia. He is congratulated by, from left: Ken Boden, Eddie Krncevic, John Yzendoorn and Mark Jankovics.

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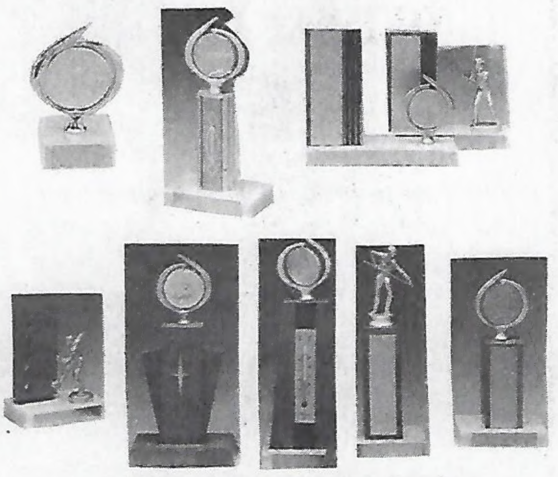

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Rudi thought he'd been sacked

Rudi Gutendorf thought he'd been sacked when he turned up at Mascot Airport last week to fly to Melbourne with his team for the return match against Mexico.

"The ASF hadn't booked a ticket for me," he blustered as he finally flew in, hours after his players had arrived.

"I had to make my own booking, but the plane was full," he said.

"So I had to wait there for another flight, while the players left by themselves.

It's unbelievable!"

PSL STANDINGS

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MARCONI	7	3	1	28	10	5	2	4	16	14	44:24	29
STH MELBOURNE	7	3	1	23	9	5	1	5	12	10	32:19	28
Newcastle KB	6	3	3	11	11	4	2	4	13	14	24:25	25
Adelaide City	6	3	2	19	9	4	1	6	16	16	35:25	24
Brisbane Lions	4	4	3	11	9	2	6	3	15	18	26:27	22
Canberra City	3	3	5	12	14	4	2	5	16	11	29:26	19
Footscray JUST	5	1	5	17	18	1	6	4	10	18	27:36	19
APIA-Leichhardt	5	3	2	13	13	2	1	9	10	19	23:32	18
Brisbane City	4	3	3	15	8	0	6	6	11	22	26:30	17
Blacktown City	6	2	3	23	14	1	1	9	7	36	30:49	17
West Adelaide	6	2	3	12	12	0	1	10	8	28	20:40	15
St. George BSC	2	2	7	12	27	2	2	7	13	27	25:54	12

PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

CROOK (5) (West Ad)

HERMISTON (9) (Brisb L) — P. BANNON (5) (H'berg) — LUTTON (3) (Sth Melb) — KALAFATIDIS (1) (Sth Melb)

ONTONG (5) (Brisb L) — RUSSELL (1) (Adel.C) — HOGG (4) (Brisb L)

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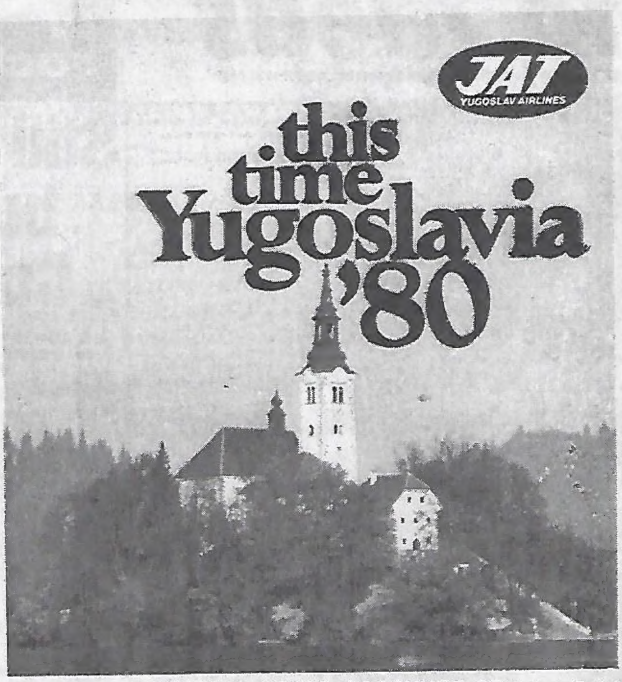

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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

HEIDELBERG 0 ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Olympic Park. Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

HEIDELBERG: Olver 8 — McMillan 7, Provan 8, P. Bannon 9, Tansey 7 — Campbell 7, Selemidis 6, Rooney 6 — Cole 5, Paton 5, Bozikas 5.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7 — Dodds 8, Jones 8, Russell 9, Perin 8, B. Nyskohus 8 — Muniz 7, J. Nyskohus 8, Melta 7 — Northcote 7 (Mitchell 70th), Barnes 8.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 3 FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 at Middle Park. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

HELLAS: Laumets 7 — V. Bannon 8, Lutton 9, Xanthopoulos 8, Kalafatidis 9 — Rogers 5, Christopoulos 6, Wright 8 — Cummings 6 (Kakantonis 65th), Evans 8, Campbell 8.

J.U.S.T.: Potter 5 — Kyriakouleas 5, O'Reilly 5, Kondarios 6, Milne 5 — Picioane 5, Ilioski 7, Jovanovic 8 — Vasic 4 (Petrov 75th), Belic 6, Lujic 4 (Simic 69th).

WEST ADELAIDE 2 CANBERRA 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Ratings by Alan Crisp.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 9 — Tymszyszyn 8, Toplanski 6 (Maricic 46th 7): Forde 6, Bozanic 7 — Carruthers 5, McGachey 5, McGregor 5 — Manecas 8, Norris 6, Honeyman 6.

CANBERRA: Wilson 5 — Moulis 7, R. O'Shea 7, Milovanovic 8, Williams 7 — Cole 8 (Giampaolo 71st), T. Byrne 8, J. O'Shea 7 — Valeri 7, Maclaren 7, Brennan 7.

BLACKTOWN 0 APIA-LEICHHARDT 0 at Gabbi Stadium. Ratings by David Clark.

BLACKTOWN: James 6, Harris 6, Stowell 6, Pointer 7, Tunrbull 7; Selvage 7, O'Donnell 7, Hormazabal 5; Hunter 7, Wilkinson 6, Lzatt 6.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 6, Pullen 6, Dempsey 6, Wilson 6, McGinn 7; Butler 7, C. McAusland 6, Coyne 6, Morsello 7, Pirie 6, O'Connor 6.

BRISBANE LIONS 0 MARCONI 0 at Richlands. Ratings by Bruce Waddell:

LIONS — Lownds 7, Ontong 9, Bennett 8, Hermiston 9, Niven 8, Lindsay 7 (Inj. Wilson 83rd), Hogg 8, Hughes 6, McNaughton 7, Millman 8, Verweij 6.

MARCONI — Maher 9, Brogan 8, Muir 5, Prskalo 6, Cant 8, Byrne 7, Henderson 6, Raskopoulos 5 (Lindsay 45th, 7), Sharne 6, Jankovics 5 (Mariani 66th), Krncevic 6.

SYDNEY CITY 2 BRISBANE CITY 1 at the Sydney Athletic Field. Ratings by Tom Anderson.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7, Mullen 7 (sub Souness 61 min 7), Thomson 8, Bruce 8, Stevenson 7, Watson 9, Boden 8, Smith 6, Spanos 6, Gomez 6, Trenter 6.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart (sub Coe 32nd min 7), Potter 7 (sub Brusasco 42nd min 6), Perry 6, Palinkas 7, Pimblett 6, Conner 7, Low 7, Caldwell 7, Kelso 6, Hamilton 6, Wilkinson 7.

Leading averages:
8.2 Hermiston (BL).
8.1 V. Bannon (SM).
8.0 Reaney (Newc), Barnes, Watson (SC), Crook (WA).
7.9 Bennett (BL), Milovanovic (Can), Boland (Foots).
7.8 Ratcliffe, Perry (BC), Tansey (H'berg), Boden (SC), J. Campbell, Rooney (H'berg), Maher (Marc.).
7.7 Ontong, Hogg (BL), McMillan (H'berg), G. Campbell (SM).
7.6 Jones (AC), P. O'Connor (APIA), D. Cole (Can), Kondarios (Foots), Yzendoorn, P. Bannon, G. Cole (H'berg), Xanthopoulos, Lutton (SM), Mullen (SC).
7.5 Muniz, Dodds (AC), P. Wilson (APIA), Wishart, Potter (BC), Niven (BL), Paton (H'berg), Drinkwater (Newc), S. O'Connor, Stevenson (SC).

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10. P. O'Connor (APIA), Buljevic (SM), Boden, Barnes (SC).
8. Kelso (BC), Millman (BL), Duarte (St Geo), Stevenson (SC).
7. C. Barnes (AC), Wilkinson (Black), Giampaolo (Can), Vesic (Foots), Sharne (Marc). 6. Valeri, T. Byrne (Can), G. Campbell, Evans (SM).
5. J. Campbell (H'berg), Jones (Newc), Manecas (WA).
4. Hunter, O'Donnell (Black), Bozikas (H'berg), G. Byrne (Marc), Heys (Newc), Smith, Trenter (SC) Kosmina (WA).
3. Mitchell, Fashanu (AC), Samuels, Harding (APIA), Ratcliffe (BC), McGregor (BL), J. O'Shea (Can), Picioana, Lujic, Ollerton (Foots), Rooney (H'berg), Vieri (Marc), Rogers, Christopoulos (SM), E. Campbell (St Geo), Honeyman (WA), Senkalski (Newc), Watson (SC), Palinkas (BC).

TOP SCORER'S AWARD

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7.7 Hogg (BL)
7.3 Woodhouse (APIA), Giampaolo (Can), Bertogna (Newc).
7.2 Melta (AC), Moulis (Can).
7.1 Christopoulos (SM), Spanos (SC).
7.0 Hunter (Black), Selemidis (H'berg).

BEST UNDER 21 PLAYER AWARD

A return trip to Surfers Paradise for two by courtesy of Soccer Action in conjunction with T.A.A. will go to the best Under 21 player according to Soccer Action Ratings.

MIKE JOHNSON spoke last week about some of the ideas of RIK BOOTH, managing director of the ASF's new marketing division. Johnson believes that the ASF hierarchy must address itself to important questions concerning the proposed changes to the PSL. Let's not jump on the American bandwagon without caution is Johnson's message. This is the concluding part of his article . . .

Think deeply before using that scalpel

- How will grounds recover if they are being played on all year round as was proposed?
- How will soccer players fare in the heat of Adelaide and Brisbane and occasionally Sydney in mid summer, even of an evening?
- Will our top soccer players become like bats who only come out at night (some already have been compared with kangaroos that are unable to survive anywhere else in the world).
- What will happen to the traditional values of soccer if it is taken over by business as a means to sell motor cars, cat food and the like?
- Is Mickey Mouse soccer the real thing?
- Is this the only way top soccer can hope to grow in this country?

This final question is the one which our administrators must consider deeply before they embark on any drastic surgery to our game.

We haven't really tried selling the game to the Australian public.

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Booth himself has said our top soccer will be seen regularly on television, next year.

I like the idea of professional management becoming involved in our soccer clubs.

I would like to see more full-time administrative managers and less full-time coaches in the Philips League.

However, I do not like the thought of businesses taking over clubs and making them just another division of their overall operation which they may transfer interstate depending on the business circumstances.

The thought of Blacktown City being sold lock, stock and barrel and transported to say Footscray in Melbourne does not appeal to me. That is what happens in America.

When sporting clubs become financial tools of big business there are many inherent dangers.

These are just some of the thoughts that have occupied my mind since the drastic nature of the proposed changes to Australian soccer were put to me.

There obviously needs to be some profound thinking and careful research done before any such changes are even tabled by the ASF, and then they will need to be examined and thought through most deligently before any action is considered.

Oh the agony! Footscray J.U.S.T. goalkeeper gets up gingerly after colliding with Duncan Cummings of Hellas. Pictures by LES SHORROCK

Alun Evans slots Hellas' third goal past Steve Potter.

J.U.S.T. must win or give soccer away

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

If J.U.S.T. can't beat West Adelaide at the Western Oval this Sunday it should give soccer away.

West is one of the worst teams in the PSL and should be incapable of matching J.U.S.T.'s fierceness led by Kiri Kiriakouleas, Jim O'-Reilly and Jim Milne.

Dragon Vasic has been disappointing mainly due to his poor finishing but he gets the chance to partly atone for previous blunders against a West defence that has conceded 40 goals this season.

Zdravko Lujic will think all his birthdays have come at once when he confronts Peter Tymczyszyn who is not as tough an opponent as Arthur McMillen or Vince Bannon, two of Lujic's foes in recent weeks.

West Adelaide fans think that Martyn Crook is the best thing since sliced bread and the West keeper will have to be good to keep a clean sheet.

J.U.S.T. should record a good win and anchor West Adelaide to one of the bottom two spots on the ladder, forcing Wests to apply for membership of the revamped 1981 PSL.

Sydney City's title aspirations will come under fire at P ce Stadium when the Slickers face up to John Brown's Canberra.

The $50,000 fiasco that Canberra incurred with the buying of Walter Valeri, Sebastian Giampaolo and Tony Brennan could well turn into an astute investment in seasons to come but the return from suspension of Sydney City defender Steve O'Connor gives the Slickers back four the solidity necessary to stem Canberra's forward thrusts and Ken Boden, one of the most skilful players in the land, should keep Sydney City's flag flying up front and create insurmountable problems for Canberra defenders Mike Milovanovic, Roy Stark, Harry Williams and Danny Moulis.

Sick and sorry St. George have the unenviable task of tackling Heidelberg which will not allow Raul Blanco's boys to stand in the way of a PSL championship and God help St. George's defence because it seems incapable of helping itself.

John Yzendoorn is quickly establishing a name for himself as one of Australia's premier defenders and the support he gives to his team mates in Heidelberg's back four spells doom for St. George's hopes of scoring.

Yzendoorn moves up well and his disposal is first class so St. George may opt for stacking its defence, hoping to frustrate Heidelberg and grab a point but such tactics are a waste of time because they've been tried before and have failed as evidenced by the Bergers position on the PSL ladder.

In other games Adelaide City should knock off Hellas, Brisbane City could bag a few goals against Blacktown, APIA may have to be content with a point against Brisbane Lions and Marconi should continue its drive toward the top of the table with a victory over Newcastle.

Weekend's games with likely winners and previous results:

IN SYDNEY

St. George v HEIDELBERG at Barton, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - StG 2-1, 2-2. 1978 - StG 4-1, 2-0. 1979 - Heid 1-0, 2-2. 1980 - Heid 4-2. Advantage St. George 3 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 14:11.

APIA Leichhardt v Brisbane Lions (draw) at Lambert Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1979 - APIA 2-1, BL 2-1. 1980 - BL 2-1.

MARCONI v Newcastle at Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1978 - Marc 4-2, Newc 1-0. 1979 - Marc 2-1, Newc 2-1, Newc 2-1. 1980 - Marc 1-0. Advantage Marconi 3 wins, 2 losses. Goals: 8:6.

IN ADELAIDE

ADELAIDE CITY v Hellas at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday, 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1977 - AC 2-0, 0-0. 1978 - Hellas 5-0, 1-1. 1979 - AC 3-0, Hellas 1-0. 1980 - Hellas 2-1. Advantage Hellas 3 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 9:7.

IN MELBOURNE

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v West Adelaide at Western Oval, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - WA 1-0, 1-0. 1978 - J.U.S.T. 2-1, 2-2. 1979 - WA 5-0, 1-0. 1980 J.U.S.T.. 2-0. Advantage West Adelaide 4 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses. Goals: 11:6.

IN CANBERRA

Canberra v SYDNEY CITY at Bruce Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - SC 2-1, 0-0. 1978 - SC 3-0, 2-1. 1979 - SC 3-1, 2-1. 1980 - Canb 2-0. Advantage Sydney Cdity 5 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss, Goals: 12:6.

IN BRISBANE

BRISBANE CITY v Blacktown at Perry Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous result: Blacktown 3-1.

Ille out, Rasic to go

Rocco Ille's reign ended last night (Tuesday), Rale Rasic has given notice at Adelaide City, Cedo Cirkovic is poised to return and Willie Wallace and Mick Jones are pondering their future as the coaching merry-go-round gathers momentum.

Jones, coach of Blacktown which is still in relegation trouble, said: "I have only four games to go on my contract, so I'll listen to any proposals that come along."

Despite denials by the APIA hierarchy, rumors persist that Rasic will replace Wallace there next year.

There are two stories about Rasic's departure from Adelaide City. One is that he wants to return to Sydney because the headquarters of his Australian Soccer Camps are there. The other is that Adelaide City can no longer afford Rasic's big salary.

J.U.S.T. president Tony Kovac was recommending to his committee last night that Ille serve out his contract with the club's Second Division team or with the juniors.

Kovac and Ille had a heated confrontation in the dressing rooms at half time of the match against Hellas at Middle Park on Sunday.

Kovac ordered forward Dragan Vasic to take off his shirt because he wouldn't be playing in the second half. Ille told Vasic to put his shirt back on. Then Kovac apparently told Ille that if he didn't like it, he could go as well.

Ille said on Monday he would see his solicitors.

Ille, former star forward with Yugal and Pan Hellenic, was appointed early this season.

J.U.S.T. has been trying to persuade former coach Cedo Cirkovic to take back the job he vacated voluntarily mid-way through last season.

J.U.S.T. lost Mendo Ristovski, Joe Palinkas and Andrija Ristic from last season's team and sold Peter Ollerton to Makedonia a few weeks ago. The team was hampered by injuries to Jim Kondarios, Slobodan Jovanovic, Mirko Rujevic and Joe Picioane but Ille engineered some good early victories that insured against possible relegation. — LAURIE SCHWAB

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Slickers hit top spot

SYDNEY CITY 2 BRISBANE CITY 1

Scorers: Sydney City: Joe Watson 3rd, Geraldo Gomez 8th. Brisbane City: Joe Palinkas 5th.
Cautions: Mark Trenter, Mark Brusasco.
Ground: Sydney Athletic Field.
Conditions: Difficult.
Weather: Windy.
Crowd: 1502.
Referee: K. Allan 7.

Sydney City overcame a number of problems to win this difficult clash and regain its lead at the top of the PSL table.

The Slickers went into this one without key players Murray Barnes, who was on university duty, and Hilton Silva and Steve O'Connor who were suspended.

Add to this the fact that Kevin Mullen and Mark Trenter played with injuries, it was a commendable effort by the competition leader.

The Slickers tried everything to get big Socceroo Barnes to this game from a university assignment in the bush.

They even offered to charter a helicopter to fly him into Sydney an hour before the game and back to his study camp in the bush after.

Barnes is at present studying environmental science at Macquarie University and is on a field study mission for two weeks.

The University authorities however, refused City's helicopter plan and Barnes had to contend himself with studying rocks instead of breaking up Brisbane attacks.

And on top of all its missing players, City went into this game with the knowledge that its nearest rival Heidedlberg had dropped a point the evening before and a win would take it to the lead in the competition.

There was also a gale force wind blowing down the Sydney Athletic Field.

However the patched up team soon hit the front and with the wind at its back grabbed the lead in the 3rd minute from a very fine goal by the elegant Joe Watson.

Watson received a defence splitting pass from his skipper Eddie Thomson and made no mistake with his finishing effort.

Five minutes later Sydney increased its lead to 2:0 when Geraldo Gomez hit a great shot from all of 30 metres that gave Brisbane goalkeeper Kim Wishart no chance whatsoever.

At this period it looked as if the floodgates would open and the Slickers were poised for a field day.

But this was not to be and Joe Palinkas nipped in and reduced the leeway in the 25th minute with a glorious header from a Willie Conner cross.

The Queenslanders then had two unfortunate mishaps when they lost goalkeeper Wishart and captain-coach George Potter through injuries.

This clearly upset their rhythm and despite being a goal down, they looked to have a completely negative approach.

The Slickers had a flood of possession and dictated play for most of the game.

Unfortunately for them they could not turn this into goals and the scoreline remained unchanged.

Late in the game big striker Terry Smith missed two golden opportunities when well placed in front of goal.

The Slickers also had an unfortunate break when Kevin Mullen was forced to leave the field with a recurrence of his stomach muscle trouble.

This was a valuable Slickers' win with such a dilapidated team.

Once again their strength in reserve power was the force that pulled them out of a tough spot.

And, with all their stars back in action for the run in they must now be firm favorites to take the 1980 PSL title.

Brisbane City, despite its loss is quite a talented team and it is indeed surprising to see it struggling in the relegation zone.

After the game Eddie Thomson complimented his players for their fighting ability and determination.

"The pressure was on in this one and the character and courage of the players was on the line," Thomson said.

"They responded to the challenge in a magnificent fashion and I'm very proud of them.

"This now puts us back on the top and we will be pulling

Meno Toutsidis

West eases fear of drop

WEST ADELAIDE 2 CANBERRA 0

Scorers: Tymczyszyn, Manecas.
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Referee: Don Campbell 7.

West Adelaide eased its PSL relegation worries with a scrambling 2-0 win over Canberra City at Hindmarsh Stadium today.

After looking the more impressive side, Canberra conceded a penalty early in the second half and was punished with a second goal in the last minute.

Canberra was the more positive side and deserved a first half lead but was denied a score by Wests' international goalkeeper Martyn Crook, who again confirmed his reputation as Australia's best.

Walter Valeri stood out in the Canberra forward line and gave Wests' defence a nightmare in the first half.

And Duncan Cole underlined Canberra's first half superiority with a scorching 20 metre drive that bounced off the cross-bar.

After a shaky first half, West Adelaide showed more aggression on after the break and came close almost immediately with a flying header from Portuguese star Manecas.

Wests eventually broke the deadlock in the 53rd minute when Manecas was brought down in the penalty area and Peter Tymczyszyn scored from the penalty spot.

Valeri looked set for an equaliser in the 68th but his sizzling free kick was brilliantly saved by Crook.

Canberra coach John Brown sent on Sebastian Giampaolo for Cole almost immediately afterwards.

But the talented forward could not give Canberra the break it wanted despite a final 20 minutes of pressure.

Manecas clinched the match against the run of play when he sprinted from the centre of the ground and calmly slotted the ball past goalkeeper Richard Wilson from 10 metres.

Despite the win, West Adelaide's new coach Billy Birch said his new squad still had plenty of work to do to avoid relegation.

Martyn Crook — busy man against Canberra.

Overseas scores

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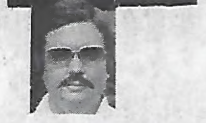
Volan 2 Pecs MSC 1, Csepel 3 Diosgyor 0, Kaposvar 1 Zalaegerszeg 1, Nyiregyhaza 0 Tatabanya 0, Debrecen 1 Videoton 0, MTK VM 1 BP Honved 0, Bekescsaba 2 Dunaujvaros 1, Raba ETO 2 Ferencvaros 2, Vasas 1 Ujpest Dozsa 1

UNITED STATES

Quarter Final play-offs: Tampa Bay Rowdies 4 New England Tea Men 0, (Tampa Bay Wins Series, 2-0), Seattle Sounders 3 Vancouver Whitecaps 1 (Seattle wins series, 2-0), Los Angeles Aztecs 2 Washington Diplomats 1 (overtime) (Los Angeles wins series by taking mini-game final 2-0)

Bruce Waddell



Maher in top form

BRISBANE LIONS 0 MARCONI 0

Ground: Lions Stadium.
Weather: Fine and hot.
Crowd: 3212.
Referee: R. Lorenc 5.

Marconi's steps towards the retention of its PSL title took only a stuttering pace forward when it escaped with a lucky scoreless draw in this clash with a more determined Brisbane Lions at the Lions Stadium.

Lions will be hoping they face an equally unimaginative Marconi when the teams meet again in the Philips Cup semi-finals on September 10.

Marconi's players looked jaded in the hot conditions and no doubt some of the Socceroos were feeling that way after being kicked to pieces in two matches against the Mexicans.

It's not often you see players like Peter Raskopoulos and Mark Jankovics replaced during a Marconi game, but Les Scheinflug took that action in this one, and would have been most unhappy with the team's performance.

If Rudi Gutendorf improved the national team's defence by removing Jim Muir and Ivo Prskalo, then Scheinflug should consider doing the same to his Marconi defence.

The two were split open regularly, Prskalo often could not cope with the speed and aggression of Ron Millman and Muir lost the ball in vital situations to set Lions up in attack on countless occasions.

Tony Henderson was also guilty of giving away possession and on the day, the most valuable Marconi servants were midfielder Gary Byrne, fullbacks Peter Brogan and Jimmy Cant and keeper Allan Maher.

Had it not been for Maher's segments of sheer brilliance, Lions might well have won this game three or four nil.

Lions' Nigel Lownds, recalled after a long absence, apart from safely snaring a few hopeful Marconi crosses with authority, had a very quiet day and the Lions backline was rarely in trouble.

It was definitely a better performance Lions exhibited against Blacktown City in the previous round and although all four defenders played exceptionally well, the two stars were again libero Jim Herniston and the gutsy Paul Ontong.

A measure of Lions' dominance in this game was shown when Herniston, Ontong and Alan Niven often were able to move away from their stations to mount forward moves, something which usually proves suicidal against Marconi.

Lions made all the running in the first half and had Alan Hughes not missed two good chances on the six yard line, it might have been a different story.

A header from Millman and a shot from Gerry Lindsay were only fractionally wide, Maher saved a difficult Johan Verweij shot and the best Marconi could offer in this effort were two wayward attempts by Raskopoulos and Eddie Krncevic.

But it was that man Maher who saved the day for Marconi in the first six minutes of the second half.

Firstly, Maher was not needed when McNaughton robbed Muir again and set up Millman, who easily shook off Prskalo and hammered a left footer inches wide.

Seconds later, McNaughton put Steve Hogg in the clear and Maher had to react quickly to deflect the shot over the bar.

From the resultant corner, another inswinger from Niven, Maher again reacted incredibly and virtually came from nowhere to pluck down a splendid Hughes header from the six yard line. We won't see many better saves this season.

The only time Lions were really troubled in the second half was when Henderson cleared to find Sharne sprinting along the right but as his cross was about to find substitute Bertie Mariani, Ontong flashed in to whip it away for a corner.

Finally Millman did manage to elude Maher with a header after Ontong had crossed perfectly from deep on the right, but the ball struck the crossbar and was cleared.

Maher decided to rough up Millman's ear after the clash and was lucky not to give away a penalty.

Richard Lorenc, who had what could be described as a casual match, chose to ignore

Laurie Schwab

Kalafatidis in fine comeback

Sth Melb Hellas 3 Footscray Just 0

Scorers: Evans 14th and 51st; Wright 34th.
Ground: Middle Park.
Weather: windy and rainy.
Crowd: About 3500
Cautions: Lujic (F)
Referee: Henry Witschge 9.

Had Hellas not slackened off in the second half, the score may have been twice as great. J.U.S.T. was a beaten team after Alun Evans had scored the first goal in the 14th minute, even more so when it was 2-0 at half time.

The eruption in the J.U.S.T dressing room, where coach Rocco Ille was, for all intents and purposes, sacked, further undermined J.U.S.T's performance but Hellas did not take advantage.

George Campbell, who had been the match-winner in the first half, produced only a percentage of that effort after the break, and there was insufficient midfield support for the forwards.

Some of the Hellas players admitted afterwards they coasted in the second half.

For Hellas, the most pleasing aspect must have been the fine form of Chris Kalafatidis.

The full back who represented Australia against Greece in 1978 had been on the bench for most of the year, unable to dislodge Alan Davidson.

Even when Davidson was injured a few weeks ago, it was Bertie Lutton who got the left back position — not Kalafatidis.

But Lutton played poorly there in the 3-3 draw with Brisbane City, so he was returned to his usual sweeper's role and Kalafatidis was brought in for the scoreless draw with Canberra and again last Sunday.

But Kalafatidis had not been idle. He's been player-coach of the Hellas Second Division side as well as sitting on the bench for the first team.

Against J.U.S.T. he "murdered" Dragan Vasic, he slotted in cleverly behind his defenders when they moved up and he had a hand in two goals.

It was the Kalafatidis-Campbell combination that put J.U.S.T on the road to ruin in the first half.

But J.U.S.T. played well for the first 15 minutes. Vasic's head missed Jim Milne's long forward ball into the box in the fifth minute and Slobodan Jovanovic and Joe Picioane were playing some classy stuff in midfield.

Jovanovic was to continue being J.U.S.T's best player but Picioane faded.

J.U.S.T's best chance came in the 10th minute. Vlatko Belic tackled Campbell at a set-piece free kick and started a fast counter-attack that went via Picioane to Zdravko Lujic. Lujic kept running and was beaten by Kalafatidis instead of squaring the ball for Zoran Ilioski who was making a great run through the middle, unmarked.

In the 14th minute Bertie Lutton won the ball in defence and sent it forward via Sammy Wright, Vince Bannon, Alun Evans and George Christopoulos, but Jim Kondarios kicked it away from Christopoulos's feet inside the area. It went wide to Campbell whose far-post cross was headed home by Evans off Steve Potter and Milne, billiards-style.

Even then, J.U.S.T. would have equalised had Lujic connected with the ball after Kiri Kyriakouleas's free kick had floated over the Hellas defence.

J.U.S.T. had another chance when Vince Bannon repelled a Kondarios header out to Picioane who shot first-time but over the bar.

Then Hellas took over. Billy Rogers' header hit the side-netting after a cross from Kalafatidis and then Kalafatidis played a brilliant one-two down the left before Campbell's header was headed in powerfully by Wright, again at the far post.

J.U.S.T. started the second half with Belic, Jovanovic and Lujic combining for a Lujic shot that hit the side netting, and with Belic heading down inside the box to Vasic who was blocked by Lutton.

Hellas almost increased the lead when goalkeeper Potter went down in a challenge by Duncan Cumming. The ball dropped periously close to the line but Milne was there to hook it clear.

Kalafatidis took off on a brilliant run past defenders on the left and angled a perfect square ball into the middle for Evans calmly to side-foot home goal No. 3 under goalkeeper Potter.

But Potter made a good save a few minutes later when he got his feet in the way of a shot by Cummings in a break engineered by Evans and Arthur Xanthopoulos.

J.U.S.T. was being caught repeatedly because its defence was pushing up to the half line.

Jim Kondarios had switched from his centre-back position to the forward line and Ilioski had dropped back to defence. Coach Ille said afterwards he had made the change because Kondarios felt he could perhpas help J.U.S.T. to score.

Hellas coach John Margaritis replaced Cummings and George Christopoulos with Steve Kakantonis and Steve Blair and sent Xanthopoulos from defence to midfield.

Ille took off both his strikers, Vasic and Lujic, and brought on Paul Simic and Chris Petrov.

Campbell miskicked as he aimed at the open goal after Potter had dropped a high ball and had failed to gather it in under pressure from Kakantonis and Campbell hit the post in the last few seconds.

Title hinges on two matches

Pat Bannon

HEIDELBERG 0 ADELAIDE CITY 0

Ground: Olympic Park.
Crowd: 3043.
Cautions: Northcote (AC), Provan (H).
Referee: Tony Boskovic 7.

This draw cost Heidelberg league leadership and probably ended any hopes Adelaide ity had of reaching the top four.

Heidelberg dropped to second place, replaced at the top by Sydney City.

Remaining matches of the top three teams, with home games in capitals, are:

Sydney City v. Canberra, FOOTSCRAY, Adelaide City, ST. GEORGE.

Heidelberg v. St. George, MARCONI, Newcastle, BRISBANE LIONS.

Marconi v. NEWCASTLE, Heidelberg, SOUTH MELBOURNE, West Adelaide.

The championship appears to hinge on two games: Sydney City v. Adelaide City and Heidelberg v. Marconi. If Sydney City beats Adelaide City — a difficult task in Adelaide — it should win the championship (providing it overcomes the Newcastle hurdle). But if the Slickers lose, and if Heidelberg manages to defeat Marconi, the title may after all come to Victoria for the first time, though the prospects no longer look bright.

Adelaide City coach Rale Rasic started with a plan to counteract Heidelberg's deadly striking duo Jamie Paton and Gary Cole.

David Jones beat Cole and Bobby Russell had a superb match as Paton's marker and the lynchpin of the defence.

Paton had one shot at goal and Cole had none.

Adelaide City played much the better soccer, bringing the ball out of defence through sweeper John Perin and right back Glenn Dodds and hitting Heidelberg with fast breaks through Colin Barnes and John Nyskohus coming from deep positions.

Heidelberg often was made to look second-rate, saved only by the sterling work of sweeper Pat Bannon, goalkeeper Jeff Olver and stopper Bob Provan who stood in for suspended John Yzendoorn.

Provan played a no-frills, safety-first stopper's game and by winning the ball in a scramble in the penalty area just before the end he probably prevented a goal. But there is no doubt that Heidelberg suffered from Yzendoorn's absence.

Left striker Barnes cut up Heidelberg's defence in the first half and was unlucky to have a free kick blocked by Olver's reflex save.

In the second half Glen Dodds dominated the right side for Adelaide City and throughout the match sweeper John Perin assisted in building up attacks.

Jim Rooney, back after injury, was inconspicuous and Jim Campbell was marked by Sergio Melta when he tried to push forward.

Heidelberg's third midfielder, Theo Selemidis, faded after a sensational opening, leaving Heidelberg with only the occasional midfield build-up.

The rest was a succession of hopeful long balls from defence, which were intercepted by Russell, Dodds, Jones or Bugsy Nyskohus.

But for all of Adelaide's smart play, it rarely had the numbers in attack to work past the Heidelberg-defence which was covered in all positions by hard-working captain Bannon.

There were very few scoring chances at either side.

A long pass in the first half that looked like sending Cole away on a breakaway run lost its effectiveness when the linesman flagged offside although Perin was five metres ahead of Cole.

John Nyskohus met a Barnes cross with a spectacular diving header but he got too far underneath it and could not direct it properly.

Nyskohus had another chance when he hit a clearance from Arthur McMillan first time after Melta had played it into the penalty area, but the shot went over the bar. And in a breakaway in the 72nd minute, Olver somehow managed to block the ball with his feet as

Referee the star

BLACKTOWN 0 APIA-L'HARDT 0

Ground: Gabble Stadium
Crowd: 3148
Referee: D. Nugent 8.

With both teams perched on top of a "maybe - maybe not" relegation zone you would have thought that both Blacktown City and Apia-Leichhardt would have played with more conviction to secure the valuable two security points they need to dispel any lingering fears of relegation.

As it turned out neither team wanted to be the one to make the commitment and take its chances and the resultant 0-0 scoreline just about summed up the relative boredom of this game.

It was a classic "no contest" encounter. No goals were scored, no substitutions were made, no cautions were issued and no-one starred in this dour match. Even the corner kicks were evenly distributed.

In blustery conditions that were more convivial to an American's Cup challenge than a game of football, the final scoreline was a repeat of an equally boring match earlier in the season that marked the first encounter of the Philips League new boys, and 3148 disappointed fans made their way home convinced that an alliance must have been formed between the two teams.

Blacktown City's Australian youth Socceroo Ian Hunter and leichhardt's Tony Morsello were the only players who attempted to change the scoreboard but both suffered the fate of the conditions.

Hunter tried long shots in an attempt to catch Australian 'keeper Greg Woodhouse off-guard but the ball acted like a ping-pong ball in a bingo shoot and ended up anywhere. Morsello's attempts had the same result but his misses were, on each occasion, from close range.

Woodhouse and his opposite number Bruce James had, on reflection, little to do all day, although on one memorable occasion James came rushing out to collect a cross, missed by a mile, and struggled back into position while the Leichhardt attack and the Demons defence acted like high-kicking ballerinas in an attempt to control the unpredictably bouncing ball.

As can be expected with such a result, both defences and attacks were equally matched and the experience of Wilson, Dempsey and McGinn for Leichhardt and Harris, Turnbull and Stowell for Blacktown negated any enterprise from the superfast Hunter and Paul Wilkinson, Morsello and the vastly experienced Billy Pirie.

The midfield was yet another department where the honours (!) were equally divided although Stewart 'Smurf' Selvage must get the award again for covering every blade of grass.

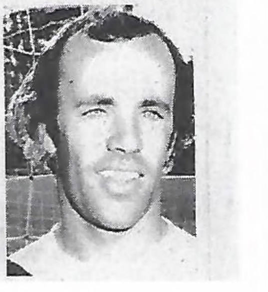
This terrier of a player has improved the once shaky Demons' engine room beyond recognition and, together with former Leichhardt player Brian O'Donnell, has removed the 'easy pickings' tag from the Blacktown City team.

With both clubs being relatively non-commital about their respective coaching posts for the 1981 season, this result didn't enhance the chances of the present incumbents.

The task was fairly obvious before the kick-off — two points means safety and an assurance of PSL status for 1981.

Motivation of players is talked of with gay abandon in other codes and the results are self-evident. It was missing from this match and perhaps the question mark hanging over both Mick Jones of Blacktown and Willie Wallace of Leichhardt and their respective clubs' non-commitment on their futures, filtered through to the players.

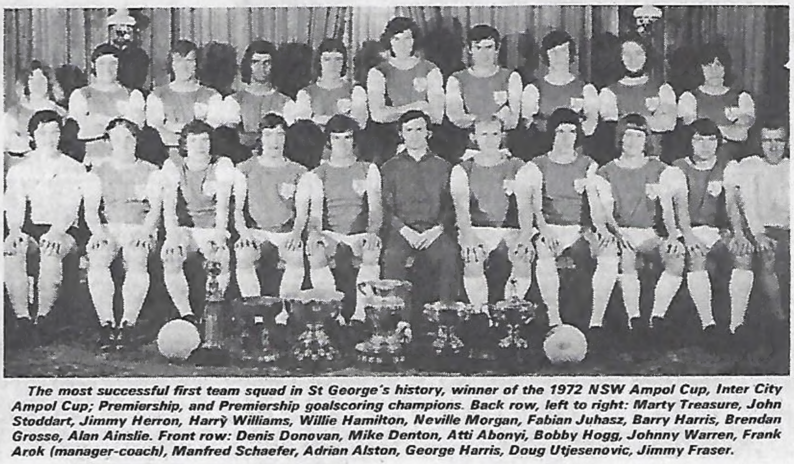
The game, in concolusion, did have one bright spot and that was the efficient handling by Brisbane referee David Nugent. How pleasing it was to see a match controlled without histrionics and delusions of grandeur. Quiet words on the run and the ever-present smile were quite a change! — DAVID CLARK



Arok back if Saints are saved

By ALEX VESIC

Ferenc Arok, one of the most disappointed men at St George, left for his native Yugoslavia last week but should return for the beginning of next season providing Saints stay up.



The most successful first team squad in St George's history, winner of the 1972 NSW Ampol Cup, Inter City Ampol Cup; Premiership, and Premiership goalscoring champions. Back row, left to right: Marty Treasure, John Stoddart, Jimmy Herron, Harry Williams, Willie Hamilton, Neville Morgan, Fabian Juhasz, Barry Harris, Brendan Grosse, Alan Ainslie. Front row: Denis Donovan, Mike Denton, Atti Abonyi, Bobby Hogg, Johnny Warren, Frank Arok (manager-coach), Manfred Schaefer, Adrian Alston, George Harris, Doug Utjesenovic, Jimmy Fraser.

Amid confusion surrounding his arrival, the cries of "Saviour is here" and "Ferenc and mircale worker" the ex-coach of St George came to see his old side in action.

"I was terribly disappointed," said Arok as he was packing his bags, getting ready for his last trip with the team to Newcastle.

"As you can imagine, the club that had Schaefer, Warren, Harris, Utjesenovic, Abonyi and many others, the club that was the backbone of the Australian national team for years, had to have a fair team even though so many years have gone by.

"I just could not foresee the Saints before my arrival playing this type of soccer. It just never entered my mind."

Why would he come back? Surely that would be asking for trouble. St George is just a shadow of its old self and Arok would need at least three years to get the team back to the top, but he appears to be aware of the problem better than one would expect from a man who spent only two months in Australia this time.

"I know that if I take Saints it would be a very difficult risk indeed. In fact I would need at least two years to blend a number of players in to this team. Then you might see the old Saints back on top within three years," said Arok.

With only four games left after a defeat at Newcastle it is now evident that Saints will bite the dust. It is very difficult seeing Saints recover despite the fact that theoretically it is possible.

The only remaining chance of salvaging some pride would be to get to second-last spot and hope for the vote to go their way.

But the chances of St George staying up are remote.

The pressure to have only four teams from Sydney in the Philips League is tremendous and of course only those that finish in the last two will be considered for the drop.

"They might enlarge the League," commented Arok, "that is the most reasonable thing. At the moment we are playing 26 weeks of competition and including some representative games you are looking at something in the order of 30 to 32 weeks per year. What about the other four months? The League must be increased and two more clubs brought in."

Well, that does not necessarily rule out the possibility of Saints getting the chop, since there are so many applicants for the National League — from Tasmania, from Perth, from Wollongong, not to mention the ideas that some State League clubs have in Victoria and N.S.W.

"St George is a club of great tradition and at the moment has a number of young talented players sitting in the lower grades desperately looking to break into the big time. Buying players is fine, but if you have a young talented player inside your own home, you don't go around buying average players for inflated prices. It is with these players that I would hope to get Saints back on the road, providing the ASF and the Philips League decide on the increase and St George stays in the top echelon of Australian soccer, Arok said.

His attitude toward the club was not only one of a soccer coach. Of Hungarian descent Arok has many friends among the hierarchy of the club. The challenge is there and he is well aware of it, but still insists that he was shocked to see that none of the club officials realised the potential of a number of young players in Saints' junior ranks.

"Our under 15 side won the grand final the other day and I watched them. I found it my duty to be there to look at these budding stars. Great clubs will always depend on the youth policy, with the buying budget reserved strictly for star players. Those young kids gave me a lot of heart. If anything they have swayed me in favour of choosing to come to Australia again, providing we stay up. At least two or three of those boys must find their way into the first grade within the next two years," said Arok.

Would that be the way to rebuild the team, I enquired.

"Certainly. To build the team you do not go looking for players from seven different countries and think that you will be able to mould them into a team. It is a long and difficult process. The side should basically consist of the local products. That is the way to build the team spirit or, as we used to call it, love for the club colours. You must remember Bird, Morgan, Treasure, Harris, all of whom were youngsters who deserved a chance and I was around to do it. If you miss a player at the age of 17, you can forget him. He will turn to another code or fade away completely. The job of the coach is to find those people and give them his knowledge and get them on the way. The rest usually falls into place with good and sound management."

Are you suggesting that Blanco made a mistake buying a number of average players who might have interfered with the progress of the talented youngsters at St George?

"I wish to make no comments about Mr Blanco. We have a different approach to the game and that is all I can tell you."

What is the basic ingredient for success?

"Discipline and professional attitude towards the game. I still remember the day when Schaefer was late for the Ampol Cup final and was left out of the team, or the day when Johnny Warren did not get a game against Hakoah for being late. They were true professionals and took it well. The discipline and the morale in the club was at a great level. They were the ingredients which promoted professional attitude."

Time to go and I set sail for home, while Ferenc Arok sits back in his chair to take a rest from packing and also to note down a few points that came out of our discussion. He is preparing a paper about the team and the plan for reincarnation of the old giant — St George.

McKendry's made me a better player

I was never really coached until this year. Quite honestly, there are too many coaches who have made a name for themselves, probably due to having great teams to work with, but who do not coach properly.

On the Ball
The Player's Viewpoint

Theo Selemidis

Now, at Heidelberg, we go out onto the field knowing what is required from us and we are very well prepared.

Too many coaches are poor demonstrators of match situations but this is where Len McKendry excels.

He has helped me greatly and he stresses that I must look up more so as to be more aware ofwhere I am on the field and to improve my vision.

It's good to be coached at last.

I didn't start playing soccer competitively until I was 13 which is a late age at which to start.

Previously I played Australian Rules football until pressure from my brothers and my cousin, Arthur Xanthopoulos, turned me to soccer.

I joined Hellas and played at under-15 and 16 levels and when I was 15 I played in the reserve side.

I was turned off Hellas by Manny Poulakakis after overhearing him saying how he wondered why the club was bringing little squirts like me to train with the first team.

I didn't think I would have much chance of senior selection so I joined Heidelberg and in my first year I trained with the first team squad and was on the bench at a number of home games.

The same situation occurred in my second year at Heidelberg but in the second half of that season I played my first full senior game against Adelaide City.

The main problem I was up against was the lack of interest shown by our coaches in promoting junior players. Not enough time was spent on developing us.

At the end of 1978 I was given a chance to try out with the national youth team and I was selected in the squad.

The experience of going into training camps proved invaluable because you would eat and sleep soccer and it was my first taste of professionalism.

The Australian team went to New Zealand for a world youth championship games and I was voted the player of the tournament. It was a big confidence booster and also helped me gain recognition.

But I haven't had as much recognition as other young players and I am not the only one.

Peter Tredinnick has tremendous potential. He is an intelligent player who reads the game well.

He is another who hasn't received much publicity though his club Newcastle should help in this regard.

The next step in my representative career was the South American trip for the World Youth Cup qualifying tournament in Paraguay.

This was something I had never experienced before as the weather was so hot and the training so rugged.

Our task was difficult when you consider that the host nation, Paraguay, had a player called Romero who was voted by the South American Press as runner-up in the South American Player of the year award and his team-mates were not far below his standard.

I think my youth team experiences provided me with the stepping stone to full national honours because I suspect that Rudi Gutendorf kept a close watch on me.

Last year I was included in the senior national squad at a time when I was struggling to get a regular game at club level.

Manny Poulakakis had been instated as coach of Heidelberg and although I wanted to give him a chance I wasn't keen on my own prospects under him.

Then a conflict developed between us and he left me out of the team, telling me that I wasn't in the same class as the other midfielders in the club.

It was very depressing for me because I had struggled for two years to get into Heidelberg's first team and when I thought that I had finally made it I couldn't get a game even though I had been selected for my country at senior level.

But during this year's Ampol Cup I think that Manny saw that he had made a mistake and just before he left Heidelberg to take up his Juventus appointment his attitude toward me was a lot different.

Things are looking up at Heidelberg now, in many ways.

I have grown up in Australian soccer so it is hard for me to compare it with overseas soccer but I can see an improvement in the professionalism of our club.

When we were at Fitzroy the conditions were terrible and many Third Division District League clubs had better facilities.

Now at Olympic Village the training conditions are a lot more respectable.

Heidelberg's playing standard has improved due to the length of time during which we have been playing together and better coaching.

Len McKendry is terrific.

Other coaches spoke in general terms without giving basic instructions about what you were required to do.

The players at Heidelberg get along well together and this is important because there is nothing worse than back-biting.

Many coaches build a name for themselves and whenever a club sacks a coach it says OK, who do we know that is available.

Usually it is these name coaches who get the jobs.

But there is a relatively unknown man who coached me as a junior at Hellas and currently coaches Provisional League Division Two team Mordialloc and I consider him to be the best junior coach I've seen.

His name is Oscar Montalva and he is a former Chilean international who came to Australia to play with Hellas late in his playing career.

I must give him great credit for my development as a junior because he spent a lot of time with me and he taught me the importance of discipline.

If things were not going right for me during a junior game and if he thought that I wasn't trying hard enough he would not hesitate to replace me after only 10 minutes.

He wanted me to fight harder and to compete more and his lessons have stayed with me throughout my career.

I can't say much about Australia's chances of getting to Spain because I don't know what we are up against but if I am in the squad I will be giving a 100% toward our efforts to make it.

We've had some fine international results this year and any win against overseas sides should be considered a fine achievement.

I have an axe to grind when it comes to the Australian Press because I get annoyed at how contradictory they can be.

It's funny how certain people get so much undeserved praise and others get nothing, even though they deserve it.

There seems to be a lot of favoritism involved. Just look at the ratings after each game.

These ratings often are a load of rubbish and although some Pressmen may know how to rate players, others haven't a clue.

During one of West Adelaide's games this year John Kosmina was substituted by Gerry Chaldi, Wests' coach at the time.

Chaldi obviously substituted Kosmina because he didn't feel he was doing a good job but "Soccer Action's" ratings gave Kosmina nine out of ten.

I've got to the stage where I completely disregard the ratings because I think they are often unfair.

But that's enough of my gripes because I have my future to consider and I have things I aim to achieve.

I want to stabilise my position in Heidelberg's first team and I have no plans to go overseas.

I want to go as high as I can in Australian soccer and for this season my sights are set on winning a championship medal with Heidelberg.

There are players such as Jimmy Rooney and Branko Buljevic whom I really respect but I have to aim to be better than them.

Don't get me wrong, but if you aim to be as good as them you will most likely never get there.

To be half as good as them would be no disgrace but you have to aim above them to provide the motivation that may one day get you close to the top.

Ivo baffled

It's Jim Tansey's sense of humour that has enabled him to breeze untroubled through 35 games for Australia since 1975 under Brian Green, Jim Shoulder, Rudi Gutendorf and stop-gap coaches Tony Boggi and Eric Worthington.

The Tansey insanity, inspired by John Cleese and 'Monty Python' also helps to keep his team mates in good spirits.

Our guide at an ancient tomb near Peking announced that the emperor buried there was dug up by archaeologists after some 1000 years.

"He was dead, then?"

And, as an afterthought: "Was his Timex still working?"

He's been trying to turn Yugoslav-born team mate Ivo Prskalo on to the absurd without much success.

"The whole team went to see 'Life of Brian' before the game against AC Milan in Sydney," Tansey says. "Tears were pumping from my eyes. Gary Cole was under the chair, uncontrollable, and Ivo was saying: 'I do not understand this Brian." — LAURIE SCHWAB

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Fear is killing the game, says Charlton

Soccer coaches are probably the most mistrusted, over-exposed, over-quoted and dishonest people in football.

TOM ANDERSON

And before all the Australian coaches start reaching for their writing pads to put pen to paper in a mass complaint, let me state that this is the opinion of the great Jackie Charlton, now the manager of Sheffield Wednesday.

In a recent English newspaper feature, Charlton declared he was convinced that this is what the general public thinks of coaches and managers.

His own opinion is that coaches are an honest hard-working bunch of former players and real pros who love the game and keep wheels turning.

Charlton goes on to say that the managers and coaches do little to help themselves and really have little authority, apart from running their own clubs.

Charlton also says that football in England is being killed by fear — fear of not succeeding and being relegated.

This has brought about dull defensive play and negative tactics.

He also reckons that this is choking the game and could ruin it.

Charlton stated very adamantly that security is not the name of the game in the profession of a football coach or manager.

He reckons — and rightly so, that ability is what it's all about. That's why he never has a contract with a club.

And as far as I'm concerned Jackie Charlton is one of the shrewdest brains in football and everything he says makes sense.

I think everyone who follows the PSL must agree that the "fear" situation has crept into our game more than a little, with a number of clubs choosing the "safety first" method.

And to be quite honest, I can see the logic of this from some of our coaches who don't want their clubs to be relegated.

Personally, I don't agree with negative football and in saying this I would also like to make it plain that I think the PSL's decision to do away with the bonus point system was a big mistake.

Goals is what football is all about, what football always will be all about as long as the game is played.

This is what the paying spectator wants to see and the paying spectator is also what the game is all about.

Soccer is entertainment and the fans should be given first consideration at all times.

Unfortunately this is not always so in Australian football.

An example of this is the decision to take the PSL grand final to Canberra — with no Canberra team playing.

As for security in coaching and managing — well there is probably less here in Australia than in England where Charlton works.

However, there are a number of coaches in charge of clubs in Australia who attempt to make their own security by being "Yes men" to committees.

For my money, these people don't deserve to be in coaching jobs.

A coach must have the courage of his own convictions and must be able to stand on his own feet and by his own decision.

It's a hard occupation and the mortality rate is high.

But its an occupation where there is no substitute for knowledge and real professionalism.

And if you don't believe me, have a look at the PSL table.

Jackie Charlton

Avala or Canterbury?

STATE LEAGUE:

North Sydney 1 (Leyden) Avala 1 (Tilt) at Pratten Park.

Bankstown 3 (Williams 2, Van Bruinessen) Croatia 0 at Bankstown

Melita 2 (Parker, Stoddart) Sutherland 0 at Seymour Shaw Park.

Parramatta City 1 (Roden) Manly 0 at Garside Park

Auburn 5 (McCulloch 2, McDonald, Bertram, Ross) Arncliffe 0 at Nona Park.

Sydney Olympic 4 (Wilson 2, Scott Laing) Ku-Ring-Gai 0 at Parklands Oval.

Monaro 2 (Heywood, Lawler) Ku-Ring-Gai 1 (Hill) at Parkland Oval.

	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melita	19	1	3	39	11	39
Olympic	17	2	4	51	18	36
Auburn	13	5	5	36	23	31
Canterbury	10	5	7	31	31	25
Avala	9	6	8	28	29	24
Nth. Sydney	9	5	10	36	32	23
Croatia	8	6	9	38	34	22
Monaro	7	8	8	27	23	22
Sutherland	8	5	10	28	30	21
Arncliffe	8	4	11	37	43	20
Bankstown	8	1	14	29	41	17
Kuringai	5	5	13	27	41	15
P'matta	6	3	15	23	61	15
Manly	5	4	14	24	37	14

SECOND GRADE: Parramatta City 1 (Guy) Manly 0. North Sydney 0 Avala 0. Auburn 4 (Grieve 2, Johnson, Elston) Arncliffe 2 (Grasevski, Hoover). Bankstown 4 (Pansley 2, Rootsey, Britten) Croatia 2 (Pogana, Trohe). Sydney Olympic 3 (Hillsog, Michail, Jousas) Ku-Ring-Gai 0. Sutherland 1 (Murphy) Melita 0. Kuringai 3 (Hunter 2, Seach) Monaro 0.

THIRD GRADE: Manly 2 (Franklin Peerman) Parramatta City 0. North Sydney 0 Avala 0. Auburn 3 (McLaughlin, Bates, Lee) Arncliffe 1 (Apostolvski). Croatia 1 (Mihelj) Bankstown 0. Sydney Olympic 2 (Moriatis, Zantides) Ku-Ring-Gai 0. Melita 1 (D'Agostino) Sutherland 0. Monaro 1 (Cammareri) Ku-ring-gai 0

N.S.W. DIVISION I: Blacktown City - Marconi 2:2, Laichhardt-St. George 1:1, Belmore-Penrith 2:1, Penrith-Bathurst 2:3, Uni of NSW-Belmore St 2:2, Reverby-Marconi 1:0, St. George-Polonia 1:2, Blacktown Utd-Sydney City 2:1, Warringah-Yugal 0:0.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	15	6	4	48	22	36
Bathurst	13	6	6	43	32	32
Blacktown City	10	11	4	51	33	31
Polonia	12	7	6	50	33	31
St. George	12	6	7	57	33	30
Wollongong	11	8	5	41	21	30
Leichhardt	11	8	7	49	41	30
Revesby	10	8	7	39	44	28
Uni of NSW	9	7	8	39	32	25
Sydney City	8	5	10	46	38	23
Blacktown Utd	7	7	11	23	37	21
Yugal	5	9	11	24	41	19
Belmore	6	5	14	26	49	17
Penrith	4	5	16	24	56	13
Warringah	1	6	19	16	64	8

DIVISION TWO: Campbelltown-Gladesville R 0:2, Baulkham Hills-North Bankstown 3:4, Marrickville-Gladesville H 2:2, Dee Why-Queens Park 0:0, Yagoona-Guildford 1:2, Lane Cove-Lethbridge 1:4

FINAL TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Guildford	16	5	1	56	17	37
Gladesville R	13	5	4	38	16	31
North Bankstown	12	5	5	49	30	29
Yagoona	11	3	8	28	18	25
Queens Park	8	7	7	29	28	23
Lethbridge	9	4	9	38	27	22
Campbelltown	7	8	7	25	24	22
Baulkham Hills	8	4	10	38	41	20
Dee Why	7	5	10	15	26	19
Gladesville H	6	5	11	26	34	17
Marrickville	2	7	13	23	52	11
Lane Cove	2	4	16	18	48	8

DIVISION THREE West Ryde-Sydney Uni 0:0, Port Hacking-Bonnyrigg 1:4, Kingsford-Aartarmon 1:2, Wenty-Hurstville 2:4, North Ryde-Bondi 1:0, Liverpool Alb.-Riverstone 3:0

FINAL TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Liverpool Albion	12	6	4	36	23	30
North Ryde	12	6	4	37	25	30
Riverstone	13	3	6	38	28	29
Bonny Rigg	14	0	8	45	32	28
Kingsford	12	3	7	42	29	27
Bondi	8	8	6	35	25	24
Artarmon	7	6	9	30	27	20
Wenty Waratah	7	5	10	33	34	19
Sydney Uni	6	7	9	23	33	19
Hurstville	8	2	12	42	42	18
Port Hacking	4	4	14	23	48	12
West Ryde	1	6	15	24	62	8

DIVISION FOUR Eastwood-POaddihgton 1:0, Revesby-Ryde Dist. 1:5, Fairfield-Chelsea 1:0, West Holroyd-Eastern Crk 0:3, Maroubra-Padston 1:5

FINAL TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Eastern Ck	13	5	2	43	16	31
Padstow	13	2	5	55	24	28
Farifield	10	8	2	36	16	28
Paddington	11	5	4	26	19	27
Eastwood	11	2	7	39	30	24
Ryde District	8	2	10	35	47	18
Canley Heights	7	3	9	34	36	17
West Holroyd	5	7	8	28	39	17
Revesby	4	8	8	23	36	16
Chelsea	2	2	15	10	33	6
Maroubra	2	1	17	21	55	5

DIVISION FIVE Concordia-Macquarie 4:2, Fairfield-Pagewood 1:1, Winston Hills-Camden 2:0, West St. Geroge-Edensor 2:1, Haberfield-Auburn 4:3, North Rocks-Maccabi 3:1FINAL TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Concordia	14	3	4	54	22	31
North Rocks	11	6	5	49	27	28
Winston Hills	10	8	4	46	34	28
Fairfield	9	9	4	33	22	27
West StGeorge	10	5	6	39	30	25
Macquarie Uni	9	3	10	39	33	21
Pagewood	7	7	8	35	45	21
Maccabi	7	6	9	37	33	20
Edensor Park	7	5	10	35	40	19
Camden	7	5	10	32	45	19
Haberfield	6	4	12	31	49	16
Auburn Jun	2	3	17	22	72	7

DIVISION SIX Liverpool Rang-Hawkesbury 1:3, Glenquarie-Mt. Pritchard 8:0, South Sydney-Blacktown 1:3, Green Valley-Chullora 2:1, Moorebank-Liverpool City 3:0, Bankstown S-Liverpool Utd 1:3

FINAL TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Glenquarie	16	3	3	66	23	35
Moorebank	14	4	4	60	23	32
Hawkesbury	13	4	5	45	19	30
Chullora	11	6	5	50	22	28
Green Valley	11	5	6	38	23	27
Blacktown W	11	4	7	50	34	26
Liverpool City	10	5	7	35	25	25
Liverpool Utd	10	4	8	38	38	24
Liverpool R	6	5	11	22	43	17
Bankstown Sp	3	3	16	22	79	9
Mt. Pritchard	2	3	17	19	64	7
South Sydney	1	2	19	23	81	4

NSW State league

Avala and North Sydney battled to a 1-1 draw at Pratten Park to throw fourth spot wide open.

Avala took the lead in the 26th minute when Bill Czolnowski steered a free kick to Brian Tilt who beat the North Sydney goalkeeper Vic Lilli with a fine shot.

North Sydney equalised five minutes later when Norrie Porter crossed for Frank Leyden to score.

Avala now is within one point of fourth-placed Canterbury with three rounds to go and they clash next weekend.

★★★

Parramatta City may well avoid relegation following its narrow 1-0 victory over Manly at Garside Park.

With the loss, Manly sinks to the bottom of the table with 14 points, one point below Parramatta.

Parramatta hit the front in the 71st minute when a pass from John Forwood found Peter Roden in position to slam the ball into the right hand corner of the net from 20 metres out.

With six minutes to go, Graham Firrell was unlucky not to equalise for Manly but his well-played header brought off a spectacular save from Parramatta goalkeeper Dennis Donovan.

★★★

Injury plagued Bankstown collected two valuable points by dumping Croatia 3-0 at the Soccer Centre.

The win means that Bankstown, who took the field without injured regulars Lembryck, Thompson and Davis, have almost overcome their relegation worries.

Bankstown opened their account in the seventh minute when Erick Williams scored directly from a corner.

Ten minutes later Williams was on hand to push the ball into the net when keeper Tony Tersiovski failed to hold a shot from Peter Rae.

Croatia attacked furiously in the second half but Bankstown's rearguard, well marshalled by keeper Wally Lachowicz, kept them out.

Best goal of the game came in the 77th minute when 18-year-old Paul van Bruinessen laid on a perfect ball for Peter Rae to angle a magnificent cross to van Bruinessen who hammered the ball into the roof of the net.

★★★

Melita consolidated its position as league leader with a convincing 2-0 win over disappointing Sutherland at Seymour Park.

A superb display by midfielder John Stoddart highlighted Melita's performance.

IT'S DOVETON, RINGWOOD

The Victorian Leagues

Doveton and Ringwood City won promotion to the State League to cap off a fiercely competitive year in the First Division.

For the Doves, State League soccer is another milestone in a continuous rise from the obscurity of District League soccer to a place in Victoria's premier league.

Ringwood City has a long and proud history in State League soccer and John O'Callaghan, Gary Groenwald and John Luyten will be resuming State League status alongside noted Ringwood club members.

Park Rangers and Morwell Falcons won promotion from Division Two three weeks ago and they now face the final stepping stone to State League status when they compete in Division one next year.

Frankston Pines have wrapped up Third Division but the big question revolves around Prahran City's attempt to catch second placed side Fawkner.

Prahran has an inferior goal difference but with two games in hand anything could happen.

Werribee finally realised the promise it showed when it first entered Fourth Division with a resounding championship win in the poorest standard Fourth Division for many years.

Corio lies in second spot only one point ahead of Mornington but faced with the prospect of travelling to Nunawading knowing that a win will ensure it of promotion.

A loss would leave the way open for Mornington or Brighton, who play each other in this weekend's final league game, to snatch second spot and a ticket to Division Three.

DIVISION ONE

KEILOR AUSTRIA 1 ALBION ROVERS 0

SCORER: Craig.

KEILOR: Peterson, Altheim (Beller), Johnstone, Grbac, Brewerton, Campbell, Beattie, Doward, Craig, Webb, Flaherty.

ALBION: Johnson, McIntyre, Gatt, Nisbet, Howe, Mackay (Spiteri) Riley, Smart, Stewart, Gilmour, Spiteri.

Keilor won by the only goal of the game scored early in the second half when George Craig fired home from close range.

DIVISION TWO

DONCASTER 1 (Anselma) MELBOURNE 2 (P. Drinoczky 2)

DONCASTER: Lawton, Tsambikos, Rankin, Casosn, I. Humble, Szietli, Hobson, K. Humble, Brown, Anselma, Hall.

MELBOURNE: Magro, Cerra, Liu, P. Drinoczky, T. Drinoczky, Beltecky, Berbia, Bird, Kaiser, Gooch, Gerros.

Melbourne won the toss and kicked with the wind but started disastrously in the first minute when a Mario Anselma back heel opened the scoring for the home team.

Two minutes later it was 1-1 when a corner by Carlos Berbia was flicked on at the near post by Tibor Drinoczky to his brother Paul who brought the ball down then slammed it into goal.

A Beltecky corner in the 16th minute was handled by Ken Hall and Paul Drinoczky scored from the spot.

In the second half Melbourne coach Harry Chalkitis dragged Liu back to right back and John Bird to sweeper. With Cerra sweeping in front of Melbourne's back four the tactics were based on containment and proved successful.

BEST: Doncaster: Anselma, Hall, I. Humble. Melbourne: bird, P. Drinoczky, Liu.

PROVISIONAL TWO

CARLTON 1 EAST BRUNSWICK 1

SCORERS: CARLTON: Milisavljevic. E BRUNSWICK: Ktenas.

CARLTON: Cvijic, Jankovic (sub Sama-Novic), Milisavljevic, Rajic, Bugarski, Bikicki, Kenic, Vujic, Stojanovic, Bjelogrlic, Ristic.

E BRUNSWICK: Didiasi, Papadimitrov, Dintinosante, Boccia, Tornese, Bramante, Glifita, Centorrino (sub 73 Galati), Podula, Tocci, Ktenas.

BEST PLAYERS: E Brunswick: Podula, Ktenas, Dibiasi.

PROVISIONAL THREE

MORDIALLOC 0 CLIFTON HILL 1

SCORER: Karaliamis

CLIFTON HILL: Saaventra, Varelias, Patrikakos, Varvaras, Xanthopoulos, Bozinov, Scalise, Pagonas, Vithgulkas, Kikas, Karaliamis.

BEST PLAYERS: Clifton Hill: Varelias, Xanthopoulos, Bozinov.

DISTRICT THREE

BATMAN 1 PARKMORE 1

BATMAN: Coletta, Taverna, Pizzo, Guerra, Coviello, Politis, Gugliandolo, Mochi, Belardo, Lombardo, Prosia.

PARKMORE: Vekong, Lerinc, Kuti, Bot, Erdep, Forkos, Hribros, Varga, Seri, Gyormati, J. Biro, Szabo, G. Biro.

BEST: Batman: Mochi, Gugliandolo.

AMATEUR LEAGUE

RMIT 0 LATROBE 1

SCORER: Farrugia

RMIT: Van Bergen, McCrist, Kuger, Christoporou, Nicholls, Falamaras, Matthews, Gacovski, Thonguild, Vanderslik, A. Postoloff, George, Balachandran.

LATROBE: Bedin, Wood, Trifunovic, Allister, Carpoussis, Nehrman, Phelan, Spiteri, Farrugia, Sevastopoulos.

BEST PLAYERS: RMIT: Vanderslik, Matthews, Van Bergen. LATROBE: Nehrman, Wood, Farrugia.

Latrobe University, with only 10 men, held RMIT in a 0-0 first half.

In the second half, Latrobe scored the only goal through a defensive error and did not allow RMIT any chance to get back into the game.

This is the second time this year that Latrobe has won a game with only 10 men. A great effort.

SELECTIONS

Selections by Craig MacKenzie:

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE: DIVISION I: Saturday: RINGWOOD CITY v. Maribyrnong, NORTHCOTE CITY v. Keilor, ALBION ROVERS v. Box Hill. Sunday: SPRINGVALE CITY v. Dandenong City, ALTONA GATE v. Moreland, DOVETON v. Richmond

DIVISION II: Saturday: Footscray v. PARK RANGERS, Knox City v. Doncaster Rovers (draw), Melbourne v. SOUTH MELBOURNE, Port Melbourne v. Ardeer (draw), Waverley City v. HEIDELBERG UNITED, MORWELL FALCONS v. Ball Park.

DIVISION III: Saturday: FAWKNER v. Yallourn, RINGWOOD UNITED v. Eltham, ST. ALBANS v. Chelsea, FRANKSTON PINES v. Broadmeadows City, Heidelberg v. Ferntree Gully (draw), PRAHRAN CITY v. Coburg.

DIVISION IV: Saturday: Nunawading City v. Corio (draw), Mooroolbark v. Moorabbin City (draw), Caulfield City v. NTH. DANDENONG, Mornington v. BRIGHTON, Keysborough v WERRIBEE, Sandringham City v. MONASH UNIVERSITY

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE: Saturday: DIVISION I: ROSEBUD v. Essendon City, Royal Park v. South Oakleigh (draw), SUNBURY UNITED v. Hamlyn Rangers, Geelong v. Melton (draw), Clayton v. GREENSBOROUGH, HOTHAM UNITED v. South Yarra

DIVISION II: Bye v. Carlton, East Brunswick v. THOMASTOWN, Langwarrin v. Hawksburn (draw), Hawthorn Citizens v. KARINGAL UNITED, Central Altona v. Nunawading United (draw), BALLARAT v. University of Melbourne

DIVISION III: SHEPPARTON CITY v. Moe United, Bulleen v. REGENT, BORONIA v. South Dandenong, Rosanna v. Mordialloc (draw), Clifton Hill v. Berwick City (draw), NORTH GEELONG v. Postal Institute. DISTRICT LEAGUE: Sunday: DIVISION I: CENTRAL CITY v. Mitcham United, Manbulk v. BRUNSWICK CITY, Pascoe Vale v. CHELTENHAM, ALTONA UNITED v. Banksia, Burnley v. WEST MELBOURNE, YARRAVILLE v. Moonee Ponds.

DIVISION II: Ascot United v. West Brunswick (draw), Diamond Creek v. MALVERN CITY Central Brunswick v. East Carlton (draw), ABBOTSFORD TASSA v. North Sunshine, North Melbourne v. YARRALEEN, VERMONT v. Hampton Wanderers.

DIVISION III: MOSSFIEL RANGERS v. Murrumbeena United, Cranbourne v. Seaford United (draw), BALACLAVA v. Batman United, PARKMORE v. Noble Park, West Geelong v. Clarinda (draw), Baxter v. PORT UNITED

THE AMATEUR LEAGUE: Sunday: Balwyn City v. R.M.I.T. (draw), Latrobe University v. LYNDALE UNITED, Kooyong Rangers v. MACCABI HAKOAH, MacLeod United v. Bye, Hose united v. Chadstone (draw), Melbourne Uni. Amateur v. Bundoora (draw), MEADOW PARK v. Concord

Bowater v. Split

Andrew Blondel scored five goals in powering Bowater Scott into the final of the Victorian Industrial League Black Douglas Cup.

Bowater beat Altona Ilenden 8-2 in their semi-final. In the other semi-final Split Auto Repairs beat Tarax 1-0 with a goal by Jack Holovka.

Ohter scorers for Bowater were Janko Jankovljevic 2, and Stewart McCole.

The Black Douglas Cup finals is set tentatively for 28 September at Middle Park.

GREAT GROUND BUT NO TEAM

BY LAURIE SCHWAB

Springvale City's panic-induced sacking of coach Tommy Robertson and his assistant Alex Purdie, seems to have backfired.

When the club sacked Robertson last week, it was third-last on the ladder with two games to go, against Richmond and Dandenong.

It lost 0-2 to Richmond last Sunday and slipped into the relegation zone. To survive, Springvale must beat Dandenong while Moreland loses to Altona Gate — which is unlikely following Moreland's 6-2 hammering of Northcote.

Robertson this week praised Springvale for the spectator facilities the club had built at Ross Reserve but lamented the fact that no similar effort was made to build up the team.

Three weeks after Robertson had started preseason training, Springvale lost its entire midfield — Hugh Campbell, and Arthur Cherry to Doveton and David Luca to Frankston.

Yet all three would have stayed if the club had agreed to pay them $10 a week more.

All were on amateur forms, so when they left, the club did not even collect transfer fees.

Later in the season Robertson persuaded the club to buy Bobby Kent (ex-Slavia) from Moreland for $500 and Jimmy Smart (ex-Lions, George Cross, Juventus) from North Dandenong for $800.

Springvale had a mid-table position just before the transfer deadline, so the club became complacent and ignored Robertson's warning that a few more players, and a goalkeeper, were necessary to avoid disaster.

Goalkeeper Peter Mur went on long-service leave and when replacement Perry Mur went to hospital for an appendicitis operation, Robertson had to use reserve full back Barry Wessell in goal.

It came as a surprise to Robertson when he was asked to resign, since president Harry Healey had told the players that Robertson would coach until the end of the season.

'I refused to resign," Robertson said this week, "because it would have been like leaving a sinking ship, so they sacked me."

Robertson, physical education teacher at Nunawading High School, played for Rangers and Dundee in Scotland and George Cross, Lions, Hakoah and Alexander in Melbourne.

He has been replaced by Eddy Lange.

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Dunne holds on

Votes for the General Tourist Best Player Award, a return trip for two to New Zealand.

FRANKSTON v CROATIA
3 — Valli (F)
2 — Blasby (C)
1 — Gardiner (C)

HOKOAH v SUNSHINE
3 — French (H)
2 — Pocock (S)
1 — Edmonson (H)

GREEN GULLY v SUBURBS
3 — Hogben (GG)
2 — Glykokalamos (WS)
1 — Patten (GG)

JUVENTUS v GEORGE CROSS
3 — Curcio (J)
2 — Mizzi (GC)
1 — Maitland (GC)

SLAVIA v CROYDON
3 — Smith (Croy)
2 — McGorian (Slav)
1 — Pongho (Croy)

ALTONA v MAKEDONIA
3 — Faulkner (M)
2 — Craw (A)
1 — Ward (M)

Progressive totals:
27 — Dunne (GG)
23 — Glykokalamos (WS)
20 — Canell (A)

Leading scorers:
14 — Ward (M)
13 — McGuinness (J)
12 — McMillan (M)
10 — Wall (F)
8 — Ollerton (M), Gilder (C), Adams (F), McGorian (Slav).

STATE LEAGUE

MAKEDONIA	20	14	5	1	48	15	33
CROATIA	20	11	7	2	35	16	29
GG AJAX	20	10	6	4	27	19	26
HAKOAH	19	8	6	5	23	21	22
Juventus	20	8	5	7	28	28	21
Frankston	19	7	6	6	29	24	20
Croydon	20	7	5	8	20	24	19
Altona	20	4	8	8	17	24	16
Geo. Cross	20	6	4	10	21	29	16
West. Suburbs	20	5	5	10	19	33	15
Sunshine	20	5	4	11	20	33	14
Slavia	20	2	3	15	14	37	7

State star

Marcos Cabrera (above) scored five goals in four and a half games for Victoria in the national under-15 titles at Box Hill. Marcos, born in Uruguay, is the No. 7 of the Keilor Austria reserves.

CHEAPIES TO BEAT THE MONEY MEN

Two months ago, this Sunday's Juventus-Green Gully Ajax clash would have been a good indicator of top four prospects for either side.

Now, Gully is on the threshold of achieving its aim for 1980 by securing a top four berth whereas Juve's financiers must be scratching their heads in disbelief at the way their money has been unwisely spent.

Juve paid $10,000 for Mendo Ristovski but Gully nabbed four players for that amount — Jimmy Dunne, Grant Smart, Gerry Bennett and Bill Morrey ★

Money madness will be put into its true perspective when Gully's "cheap" team takes on Juve's wealth of talent at the Gillon Oval and I'll put my two cents on the "cheapies" to toss the toffs.

Shackling Bobby McGuinness is the biggest problem facing Gully coach Bobby McLachlan and young David Hogben could get the nod against Juve's candidate for top scorer honors.

A win to Gully would reaffirm the necessity for Juve's brains trust to have a long rethink about this season's fortunes.

Western Suburbs' fate is in their own hands when they take on Frankston at Schintler Reserve on Sunday and Jimmy Condilis will be looking to Steve Carr and Kit Greechan to break through Frankston's defensive barrier led by Nick Lowe and Danny McCluskey.

Bill Whiteside's experience has been a bonus for the Baysiders and many club members dream about the possible change in the club's 1979 fortunes had Whiteside been available to stem the dramatic late season slump which cost Frankston its first State League championship.

Marian Jaworski and Mike Glykokalamos will give little away against Bob Adams and Kevin Wall, while "Daxi" Kypirtidis is no slouch and could nullify Bruce Young's bursts down the left wing, if he is fit to play.

A draw would be a good result for Suburbs and could ensure their survival in State League and give them time to use this season's experience to develop a stronger squad for 1981.

Sunshine is a far cry from the side that burst into the State League limelight, finishing fourth alongside Hellas, Alexander and J.U.S.T. in pre-PSL days.

Tommy Cumming, Ray Pocock and Jim McMcRobert proved to be a fearsome combination but today's strikers lack the bite and service needed against well-organised defences.

Croydon's Alan Pongho has been a tower of strength as sweeper and a fine complement to Steve McCombe's aerial ability.

The Shiners can look forward to another gloomy afternoon and Croydon should take both points.

In other games Hakoah should defeat Altona, Makedonia should destroy George Cross and Croatia must surely stroll past Slavia taking both points in the process.

Our guest tipster this week is Croydon sweeper ALAN PONGHO (pictured). Alan's selections with likely winners in capitals:

Frankston v HAKOAH at Ross Reserve, Wednesday (tonight), 7.30 pm.
HAKOAH v Altona at Middle Park, Sunday, 3pm.
Juventus v Green Gully (drew) at Gillon Oval, Sunday, 3 pm.
MAKEDONIA v George Cross at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.
Western Suburbs v FRANKSTON at Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.
CROATIA v Slavia at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday, 3 pm.
Sunshine v CROYDON at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Victorian State League with Craig MacKenzie

Dunne out, Manny in wars

Green Gully's outstanding sweeper Jimmy Dunne blew his chances of winning the Rothman's medal when he was sent off by referee Joe Slaats after a "professional" foul on Western Suburbs forward Kit Greechan.

Slaats had no hesitation in giving Dunne his marching orders although the former Eire international had not received a yellow card before the incident.

Juventus was reported to be considering taking sole selection rights out of the hands of coach Manny Poulakakis but a meeting last Friday night seems to have resolved the matter.

Juventus president George Penzo said that the club had been considering taking pressure off Poulakakis by installing a selection panel involving Penzo and team manager Enzo Bottari.

Rumour is rife that Poulakakis is planning to take legal action against Penzo for comments made in the press last week.

I have been involved in discussions with Poulakakis and Penzo and it seems that there is some disagreement as to the legal validity of Poulakakis's agreement.

In answer to Penzo's press comments about Poulakakis, the Juventus coach was guarded but said:

"I will continue to offer my services to the best of my ability according to the verbal and written agreement I have with the club."

Makedonia has been using the expertise of former APIA, Hellas, Heidelberg-Alexander, Croatia and Melbourne keeper John Kennedy in a specialist coaching capacity.

Kennedy and first team coach Brian Edgley are renewing a partnership that flourished when they played together with Ringwood Wilhelmina.

It is believed that Kennedy will be signed by Makedonia in an official capacity as specialist coach for next season.

Top four dreams are at stake when Hakoah and Frankston clash on Wednesday night (tonight) at Ross Reserve, Springvale at 7.30 pm.

Frankston hopes to have Bruce Young and Bob Adams available.

FRANKSTON 1 (Buchanan) CROATIA 2 (Klarin, Adams pen).

FRANKSTON: Whiteside 7, Parton 7, Lowe 7, McCluskey 8, Valli 8 - Williamson 7 - Buchanan 8, Cooper 7, Webb 7, Coulson 6 - Wall 7.

CROATIA: Blasby 8, Adams 8, Gardiner 8, Kokoska 7, Short 6 – Tront 6, Andrews 6, Murphy 7 – Mitten 6, Klarin 5, Gilder 6.

Frankston frittered away a chance of maintaining its fight for top four status when it slipped to a 2-1 defeat against Croatia.

Frankston played very defensively from the outset with four at the back and a sweeper in front of the back four, four in the middle and Kevin Wall left on his own up front wondering whether he had used the right deodorant on Sunday morning.

Frankston pushed players forward only in set piece situations and from one such situation in the 12th minute the Baysiders took the lead.

David Webb took a free kick just outside the Croatia area on Frankston's right.

He chipped the ball into the area where Sean Parton challenged Steve Kokoska, the ball being partly cleared then headed back behind the Croatia defence to the unmarked Bill Buchanan who steadied before driving a low, hard shot inside the far upright giving Peter Blasby no chance.

Croatia was forced into chipping high balls into the Frankston area using the swirling windy conditions to its advantage and from one such high ball, a John Gardiner chip, Mick Klarin read the flight of the ball well as it dropped over a Frankston defender, pushing it square to goal before unleashing a fierce drive from 8 metres that rocketed into the roof of the net to even the score.

The second half was full of controversy involving two controversial linesman decisions, controversial refereeing decisions involving a penalty to Croatia and a free kick to Frankston.

The result of the controversy was a converted penalty from Keith Adams, two disputed offside goals by Croatia and a free kick to Frankston from an infringement that looked suspiciously inside the area.

HAKOAH 2 (Kent, French pen.) SUNSHINE 0.

HAKOAH: O'Hara 7 - Bannon 6, Gadsby 7, Edmonson 7, Rooney 6 (Baker 87th) - Kent 7, McNeil 6, Blair 6 - Webster 7, French 8, McClunie 3 (Thomson 83rd).

SUNSHINE: Wood 7 - Donaldson 5, Mussels 7, Ellis 6, Scarlett 6 - Van Der Chys 4 (Laing 55th, 5), R. Nelson 6, McNally 6 - Pocock 7, McRobert 5 (Mudrinic 80th), D. Nelson 5.

It was hard to believe that

Sunshine was fighting for its State League life against Hakoah last Saturday.

The Shiners are faced with playing Croydon and Croatia in their final games and unless a miracle occurs they appear to be doomed to relegation.

Coach Jim McIntyre probably would have been disgusted with Sunshine's spiritless performance against Hakoah.

The Shiners were 1-0 down at the interval after playing into a fierce wind and it looked as though the second half would go their way and a draw at least seemed a distinct possibility.

Chris Kent drove the first nail into the Shiners' coffin on the stroke of half time after Frank Mussels seemed to overstretch when attempting to cut out a low cross from the right and the incoming Kent, on the edge of the area, drove a hard, low shot inside the far upright.

Graham French having a fine second half, broke from the half line in the 84th minute, skinned Steve Ellis who has tried to intercept Hakoah's bustling striker, then proceeded into the Sunshine area where Wilf Laing tripped him just as he prepared to shoot.

French didn't connect cleanly with the resulting penalty but he sent young Dale Wood the wrong way to complete the scoreline.

Wood looked slightly shaky in the first half, especially when confronted by Kent's high, curling crosses but overall the youngster did well and was the one shining light from an otherwise lifeless Sunshine display.

SLAVIA 2 (McGorian 2) CROYDON 3 (Smith, Loughnane, Pye o.g.)

SLAVIA: Pugliese - Haput, Lawson, Houston, Cullen - Brindle, Whiteside, Coe (inj. Pye 35th) - McGorian, Griffiths, Wade.

CROYDON: Edwards - Brown, Pongho, McCombe, Murphy - Loughnane, Doornenbal, Howarth, Wyllie - Brogan, Smith.

Croydon coach Norm Hobson made a couple of changes to his line-up aware of the danger of sending his side out into the vast nothingness of the Showgrounds to play in front of 23 spectators and a dog.

"It's hard to motivate yourself in the terrible atmosphere there," said Hobson, "and I was worried that we might relax against Slavia and pay the penalty."

Croydon almost paid dearly in a game which featured five strange goals according to slavia manager Tony Vrzina.

"There was something irregular about each goal," the Slavia manager said.

"My defenders were certain that both of Croydon's first half goals were offside, our first goal came from a harsh penalty decision, our equaliser looked to be offside and Croydon's winner came after David Pye was clearly fouled on the goal line."

Croydon took a 2-0 lead into the interval after playing against a fierce swirling wind and stunning the home side with a tremendous volley from Duncan Smith and a fine solo effort from Peter Loughnane who dummied to go wide before cutting inside and slamming a hard, low left foot shot from 10 metres that gave Elvio Pugliese no chance.

A penalty in the 48th minute was converted by Mick McGorian who equalised in the 68th minute when he broke clear and slipped the ball past Croydon keeper Mick Edwards.

Pye was standing on the goal line in the 78th minute when a curling shot from Dave Brogan had beaten Pugliese and dropped quickly.

Pye chested down and as he tried to control the ball the incoming Smith crashed into the Slavia left back and the ball and Pye ended up over the goal line.

ALTONA 2 (Gramsbergen, Whyte) MAKEDONIA 3 (Ward, Lucchesi, Ollerton pen.)

ALTONA: Masseni - Lewis, Cannell, Gramsbergen, Wilson - Watters, Kelly (Little 70th), Innes - Craw, Whyte, Hoyland (Murphy 80th).

MAKEDONIA: Kastner - Reiney, Flavelle, Higham (inj. Beech 70th), Petrovski - Faulkner, McMillan, Lucchesi (Cunningham 75th) - Ward, Ollerton, Lesbirel.

Altona became the only State League side to score four goals against Makedonia in league games this season when it was beaten 3-2 at Kim Reserve.

Within 25 minutes the visitors were 2-0 up.

Gary Ward opened the scoring when Claude Lucchesi played the ball inside and Ward beat one Altona defender then let fly with a right foot shot from the edge of the area that took a slight deflection before rocketing into the net.

Jeff Faulkner, wide on the left, chipped to the near post, Ward flicked a header on and Lucchesi rose to head in the second goal.

Altona came back when a corner by Rob Craw was flicked on by Kevin Kelly on the near post and Rob Gramsbergen headed in.

The ball was headed out by a Makedonia defender and Billy Whyte headed it back in but after-match arguments were settled when Gramsbergen was awarded the goal from the initial header.

Peter Ollerton scored his eighth goal from seven full games when he made no mistake from the penalty spot after Eric Lesbirel was brought down inside the area.

Altona coach Joe Wilson was upset by the decision because he felt the referee had awarded an indirect free kick and as his players were forming a wall the referee pointed to the spot.

Altona's hard running was rewarded late in the game when Billy Whyte challenged Lou Kastner after a high cross by John Little and when it seemed that an infringement would be given, the goal was awarded with Whyte later claiming that he had made contact with his head as he challenged Kastner.

JUVENTUS 1 (McGuinness pen.) GEORGE CROSS 0

JUVENTUS: Reilly — Cucrio, Munro, Creany, Tarquinio — Smith (Crino H.T. Cavallari, Sebidussi — McGuinness, Gillan, Heery.

GEORGE CROSS: Amos — Vella, Belusic, Castiello, Maitland — Mizzi, Wilson, Paparas — Zeigelaar (inj.-Papas 75th), Cowan, Morgan.

Damien Morgan must still be trying to work out the intricacies of his incredible miss when confronted with an open goal no more than five metres out.

Cross newcomer Charlie Vella was assigned the task of tagging Bobby McGuinness and did well but for one crucial mistake in the first half.

McGuinness robbed the youngster, ran into the area and was brought down by Laurie Belusic.

The Juve top scorer slotted the resulting spot kick home.

Tony Zeigelaar was involved in two good chances for Cross.

The first came when Mick Wilson split Juve's square defence and Tony Zeigelaar ran onto the through ball then blasted a dipping shot from the edge of the box that was palmed high by Juve keeper Jack Reilly onto the cross bar and over for a corner.

Five minutes before half time came Morgan's incredible miss.

Zeigelaar again caught the Juve defence on the hop and he ran in to goal then squared the ball back to the incoming Morgan.

Reilly dived out but only succeeded in palming the ball to Morgan's feet but instead of coolly slotting the ball into the empty net he elected to blast his shot which sailed over the cross bar to let Juve off the hook.

GREEN GULLY 1 (Mancinelli) W. SUBURBS 0

GREEN GULLY: Denys — Hogben, Dunne (sent off 50th), Patten, Smart — Vojtek, Bennie, Vassallo — Perkin (Mancinelli H.T.), Segi, Morrey.

SUBURBS: Mitanidis — Kypirtidis (inj. Patsakos 75th), Jaworski, Glykokalamos, Daglis — Kupisz, Jim Daperis, J. Christoudias, Dimovski — Greechan, Carr.

Green Gully won 1-0 with ten men after Jimmy Dunne was sent off early in the second half and the win assured Gully of a top four spot for the first time in the club's history.

"Instead of celebrating the magnificent achievement of the club it was like a morgue after the game because everyone felt sick, even Western Suburbs, at the unjust fashion in which Dunne was sent off," said Gully coach Bobby McLachlan.

Suburbs had two half chances early on, the first in the fifth minute when "Daxi" Kypirtidis crossed from the right to Steve Carr who headed down to Kit Greechan but the Suburbs' striker shot well wide from 15 metres.

Four minutes later Eddie Kupisz crossed to Stevce Dimovski who pushed a through ball for Carr but the former Hellas striker shot wide from 12 metres.

A long, high ball caught out the Gully defence in the 50th minute and Dunne tripped Greechan and was sent off.

Kypirtidis was taken to hospital after a clash with Lou Denys which left the Suburbs right back in agony upon the ground with blood streaming from his mouth and nose.

Young Fabio Mancinelli had replaced Dave Perkin at half time and the Gully youngster set Gully Reserves alight with a magnificent goal in the 7ith minute.

Morrey beat Mitanidis and squared the ball across goal but Andy Segi, under challenge from Marian Jaworski, failed to make contact.

When it seemed the chance would go begging Mancinelli, who had been following in, appeared on the edge of the area to meet Morrey's square ball and blast it with a bullet like shot into the net to give Gully a fighting win.

Croydon turns company

State League club Croydon will form itself into a limited company.

The main advantages of the move are three-fold, the first involving the transference of liability for any club debts away from committee members or club members.

Croydon aims to develop a stadium off Dorset Road and prospective sponsors will be keener to involve themselves with a limited company which is a more stable way of structuring the club's management.

Under the Companies Act, Croydon will be open to scrutiny which will prompt more efficient auditing and allow the club's board of management a greater degree of control over club affairs.

Team of the week

BLASBY (C)

CURCIO (J) — GLYKOKALAMOS (WS) — GARDINER (C) — VALLI (F)

FAULKNER (M) — SMITH (Croy) — MIZZI (GC)

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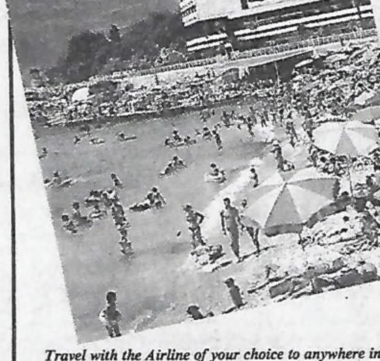

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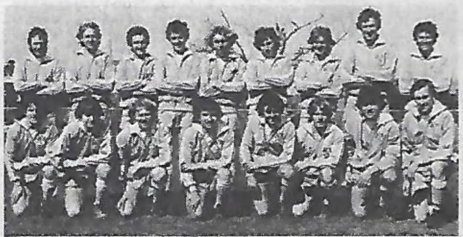

New South Wales, back row: Ian Holmes (manager), Brett Nelson, Paul Cullinan, Andrew Kozka, Len Vial, Warren Baker, Kevin Limb, Robert Catlin, Alan Edmundson, coach. Front row: Keith James, Steven Waugh, Luke Morley, Seraf Kumsuze, Nick Papas, Martin Stein, John Hardwick, Brett Higgins (captain). Pictures — LES SHORROCK.

South Australian, back row: Graham McMillan, David Wilton, Ian Cole, Brenton Hiern, Les Matisczak, Dean Townroe, Peter Wallis, Mark Harvey, Mike Kelly. Front row: Robert Knowles, Mick Barnett, John Klein, George Konstandopolous, Mike Fitzharris, Anthony Dorigo, Gerwyn Gough.

A.C.T., back row: assistant coach John Crabb, Chris Lipscomb, David Kruger, Pasquale Carnouale, John Frey, Jason Dunn, Braden Shields, Nick Pomakis, Nick Lasorella, Kunlam Thongyai, Stuart Devlin, coach. Front: Joe Gagetti, David Charlton, Harry Allan, Chris Hummel, Jason Thornton, Andrew Bernal, Paul Crabb, Steve Shannon, Frank Madaffari.

The Victorian team did not want to be photographed, apparently because photos are voodoo that make bad medicine ...

Tasmania, back row: Manager John Stenhouse, Tom Laszczak, Stephen Wood, Greg McMillan, Damien De Ruiter, Kevin Smith, Richard Higgins, David Meldrum, William Dougan, coach Brian Reynolds. Front: Michael Nunn, Kenneth Berry, Simon Templeman, Romeo Fabrizio, Gerard Hawkes, Ian Nixon, Luigi Gugliotti, Quinton Darby.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The under-15 national titles at Box Hill ended last weekend with more riddles than a cryptic crossword.

Where was the much-talked-about talent with which Australia's young soccer players recently have been credited?

Who can solve the riddle of the mysterious absence of a Coca-Cola banner?

When did young boys learn about the superstition surrounding team photos before playing?

Why was the Victorian team taken back to its billets at Monash and locked in at 4 pm after being beaten 1-0 by NSW on Thursday?

The dearth of talent was obvious from the physical content of play, with hard tackling and long, high balls the principal tactics of most sides.

NSW won the tournament because it was the only side capable of consistently stringing four or five passes together in difficult weather conditions and on poor playing surfaces.

The tournament fizzled out early due to its round-robin nature, with NSW clinching victory last Thursday when it defeated Victoria.

The one positive factor to emerge was the excellent job done by Box Hill in hosting the competition.

LADDER

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New South Wales	6	0	0	12	0	12
Victoria	4	1	1	15	3	9
S. Australia	3	2	1	9	4	8
W. Australia	2	2	2	4	7	6
Queensland	1	1	4	4	9	3
A.C.T.	0	3	3	3	16	3
Tasmania	0	1	5	1	11	1

Goal scorers:
5. S. Govjevic and M. Cabrera (Vic.)
3. K. James and L. Vial (NSW), A. Falco (QLD).
2. G. Konstandopoulos and A. Dorigo (S.A.I), N. Pomakis (A.C.T.).
1. R. Falcone, J. Diletti, L. Claxton and J. Italiano (W.A.), D. Howell (Qld)

SUNDAY: ACT 1 Tas 1, Sth Aust 0 NSW 1, Vic 1 W.A. 0.

MONDAY: Vic 2 Sth Aust 2, ACT 0 NSW 4, Qld 2 Tas 0.

Tuesday: Tas 0 NSW 1, Qld 1 WA 3, ACT 0 Vic 6.

WEDNESDAY: W.A. 0 Sth Aust 0, Tas 0 Vic 4, Qld 0 NSW 2.

THURSDAY: Qld 0 Sth Aust 1, NSW 1 Vic 0, W.A. 0 ACT 0.

FRIDAY: W.A. 1 Tas 0, S.A. 4 ACT 1, Vic 2 Tas 0.

SATURDAY: Qld 1 ACT 1, S.A. 2 Tas 1, NSW 3 W.A. 0.

VSF president John Dimtsis presents the Under 15 championship pennant and cup to NSW captain Brett Higgins.

Tasmania's brilliant goalkeeper Quinton Darby dives at the feet of South Australia's Graham McMillan.

Fabio Incantalupo

Incantalupo top player

Fabio Incantalupo of Victoria was voted best player of the national schools championship in Wollongong last week.

Incantalupo, who plays for State League club Juventus, was Victoria's top scorer with five goals.

Victoria, who finished third behind NSW and South Australia, also had four players chosen in the national schools team: Rob Erdeg, Angelo Petrakos and Slobodan Stojcevski.

The national schools team will play a practice match against Rudi Gutendorf's national youth team in November and may tour either New Zealand or Hong Kong in December.

Victoria's results were: v. Tasmania 6-0, v. WA 5-0, v. SA 2-2, v. Queensland 2-2, v. NSW 1-4.

Other Victorian scorers: 4. Erdeg, 3. George Lazarou; 2. John Bitzonis.

The team was coached by John Kalinchev.

More details and pictures about the championships will appear next week.

Wheatley v. Woods, Lee

Robert Wheatley, one of the candidates for a fullback spot in Australia's youth team, has a simple philosophy about every youngsters' dream of making it to the big time.

"If you're good enough you'll get there," says Robert.

"Provided you have the talent you will be given a chance to prove yourself but you can't stay in Australia if you wish to develop your full potential.

"You must go overseas to learn new tactics and new styles of play."

Robert plays with Kuringai in the NSW State League and he has already discussed his plans to try PSL soccer with his club officials.

"Kuringai has been helpful and the club has told me that we can talk about my desire to move higher and work out an agreement," Wheatley added.

He started playing when he was seven with a local club, Wahroonga.

From under-8 to under-16 levels he represented the Kuringai District and through his coach and teacher, John McDonald, he sampled senior soccer at third grade level.

Wheatley started up front, moved into midfield and then to full back.

I put it to him that if moved back any more he would have to give the game away.

"Yes that's true," he said with a laugh, "but I found that the competition for places in midfield or up front was fierce so I looked for a position in which to establish myself and eventually I ended up at right back."

Wheatley has had little direct contact with Rudi Gutendorf but from what he has seen he sums up our national team supremo in this way:

"Rudi is a very disciplined man with strong thoughts about how soccer should be played.

"If you are skilful and work hard enough he will reward you for your efforts so it is all in your own hands as to whether or not you make the youth team.

"The competition is fierce for full back spots because, apart from Brett Woods, Grant Lee has dropped back from midfield and also is vying for a full back position.

I asked Robert who he thought was his toughest opponent at any level.

"Well I would have to say David Mitchell from South Australia because he is so deceptive and lightning fast off the mark.

"I must also mention Phil O'Connor of APIA who is fast and has fine close ball skills."

Robert is in the first year of a four-year physical education course which he finds fits in well with soccer.

Now Robert has his sights on the winter tournament in Israel where the national youth team will play and of course next year's Coca-Cola world youth cup finals.

"The youth team is an important step in every player's career because it provides you with the recognition needed to put you in the public eye and in the eyes of PSL clubs," he said — CRAIG MACKENZIE

Vics win, Nick stars

Nick van Egmond Jnr. was the star of the Victorian team that won the national under-14 championship.

Runner-up was NSW. Only results up to Friday were available at Press time. They are:

SATURDAY: WA 2 SA 1, ACT 2 Qld 0, Vic 0 NSW 0, Nth NSW 2 Tas 0.

SUNDAY: Vic 1 Qld 0, SA 6 NSW 2, Nth NSW 2, ACT 1, WA 3 NT 1.

MONDAY: ACT 4 Tas 1, Vic 3 Nth NSW 0, Qld 3 SA 2, NSW 8 NT 0.

TUESDAY: Nth NSW 2 ACT 1, SA 5 Tas 0, Qld 2 WA 0, Vic 2 ACT 1.

WEDNESDAY: Vic 5 Tas 0, SA 3 Nth NSW 0, Qld 3 NT 0, NSW 1 WA 0.

THURSDAY: NSW 0 Qld 0, Nth NSW 1 WA 0,

Curran seeks players

Victorian coach Bill Curran is starting to form his squad for the national under 19 titles in May next year.

The boys must be born on or after 1 August 1963 to make them eligible for the 1983 Coca-Cola world youth championships.

With the world titles as a lure, Curran is expecting keen interest in his trials which will start in November.

Curran asks eligible boys to contact him on 534 4112 or 534-4304

Bebek powers Croatia

Sydney Croatia's under-12 A team, under the guidance of Ivica Hunjak, was able to reach the semi-finals in the Canterbury Soccer Association.

They won their semi 3-1, thanks to the scoring power of Mijo Bebek.

Photo, from left: BACK ROW: Coach Ivica Hunjak, Peter Teklic, Zeljko Galic, Miroslav Jurcevic, Darinko Mihaljev, Miro Vlastelica, Tony Wecimovic, Ilija Ivanis, manager. FRONT ROW: Miji Bebek, Ivica Vlastelica, Paul Bubic, Antun Ivanis, Tomislav Raguz,

Hat-tricks

The "Soccer Action" Hat Trick Diploma is avaiable to any junior player who scored three or more goals in any league, Cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

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The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes" published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Naser Iminofski, 12, six goals, **Chris Georgopoulos**, 12 (Coburg), **Glenn Farrugia**, 11, five goals, **Paul Koppen**, 11, four goals, **Aaron McGowan**, 11, four goals, **Paul Kane**, 11 (Moe Utd), **Nathan Woolcock**, 7, (Dingley), **Bamber Roberts**, 12, five goals (Monbulk); **Robert Woodland**, 7, six goals, **Drew Traylor**, 7 (East Bentleigh); **Mijo Bebek**, 12 (Croatia Sydney); **Cameron Aughterson**, 11 (Ferntree Gully — no address enclosed, so no certificate can be forwarded); **Zoran Todorovski**, 9 (Altona Gate), **Todd Wilton**, 9, five goals, **Evan Priest**, 9, **Dean Young**, 10 (Bayview Primary School), **Salvo Pirucclo**, 11 (Fawkner), **Michael van Hout**, 8 (Pakenham), **John Karahalios**, 11, six goals (Brunswick City), **Alexander Rusmir**, 7 (Waverley), **Brett Butler**, 11, **Kurt Lewis**, 10, **Shane Lalor**, 8, four goals (Killarney District), **John Anastasiadis**, 12, four goals (Meadow Park), **John Mangos**, 11, four goals (Heidelberg Utd), **Peter Hangan**, 12 (Macquarie Fields Utd), **Chris Arzanis**, 11, five goals (South Melbourne), **Pat Reynolds**, 14 (Lyndale Utd), **Craig Jones**, 7, four goals, **Neil Brown**, 6 (Elizabeth Fields), **Tim Driessen**, 13 (Sandringham City), **Stephen Svaganovic**, 11, four goals (Dandendong City), **Wayne Sultana**, **Craig Fletcher** (Churchill United — no address supplied, diplomas cannot be forwarded), **Darren Bedford**, 8, four goals, **Ben DeMarco**, 8 (Mooroolbark), **Adrian Primus**, 13 (Barwon City), **Tony Dargan**, 14, four goals, **Edin Subara-Zukic**, 14 (Dandenong City), **Englebert Schmidl**, 9, **Kosta Athypis**, 8, four goals, **Byron Den Hertog**, 8, four goals, **Geoff Gillard**, 8, five goals, **Stephen Carter**, 8, five goals, **Craig Kirby**, 8, six goals (Seaford

Government backs down on air fares

The burden of increased air fares has been lifted temporarily from the Philips League and other sports organisations.

This follows a backing down by the Federal Government — at least for the time being — from its push to make concessional air fares available to the general public rather than only for sports and charity groups.

This push caused the airlines to cancel all concessional agreements for fear it may have to extend them to the point where it loses money.

But after talks with the airlines, the Minister for Transport Mr. Hunt, announced last week that sports and charity groups would get a 15 percent discount on domestic flights.

The 10 percent discount for other "common interest" groups of 15 or more people also would continue, he said.

But it is only a temporary agreement, dependent upon the outcome of the Holcroft inquiry into domestic air fares after the Federal elections. — LAURIE SCHWAB

Cullen could go, 'Ollie' is back to best

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Peter Ollerton

Preston Makedonia may lose its tearaway forward Robert Cullen at the end of the season.

Cullen's wife has returned home to Scotland to complete studies and he will join her when Makedonia has completed its top-four matches.

He has told the club he wants to go home at least for Christmas. There is a chance he may come back but it is more likely he will decide to stay in Scotland.

That is the only bad news for Makedonia fans who are sitting on top of the world, preparing to celebrate their club's first State League championship, and possible inclusion in the Philips League.

The formal application for 1981 PSL membership has been made.

And the new Makedonia social club premises opposite its Connor Reserve ground in Reservoir are set to open this month.

Robert Cullen

According to club official Branko Trajanovski, recruit Peter Ollerton has had a lot to do with Makedonia's determination and improved goalscoring in recent weeks.

"When we bought Ollerton from J.U.S.T., the other players improved their performances because they knew that there now was competition for places in the team," Trajanovski said.

"The one who improved the most is forward Gary Ward. Beforehand he stood around up front waiting for the ball. Now he's chasing all over the place."

And Ollerton himself has recaptured his goalscoring ability of old. "There's no pressure on him to score, because we have other good scorers like Ward, George McMillan and Cullen," Trajanovski said.

"At J.U.S.T. when he was playing in attack, and at Hellas, he was expected to score all the time.

"Now, when others around his share the responsibility, he is under less pressure. Therefore he's been able to score seven in six games.

"They take it in turns. Against Sunshine, Ward got four. Against Hakoah, Ollerton got all three. In between, McMillan and Cullen or some of the others will get the goals."

With the Rothmans Medal presentation due next month, it's time for speculation about the likely winner.

Cullen polled most votes last season but because he had been sent off during the season, he forfeited the medal to Croatia's Tommy Cumming.

Trajanovski expects midfielder Jeff Faulkner to poll most votes for Makedonia this time. "He's been our best player this year," Trajanovski said. "Claude Lucchesi on the left side also has been very good."

Makedonia has had a successful season financially, but it was a little better last year because its home game against Croatia was near the end of the season when things were tight at the top, instead of early in the year as was the case this time.

The social club should earn a few thousand dollars a week, providing working capital. However, initially it will be used to pay off the bank loan which was necessary to build the social club.

Makedonia was knocked out of the Dockerty Cup by Melbourne early in the year, so it will be inactive during the Cup finals, which are played before the start of the top-four series.

Trajanovski said the club would try to arrange practice matches during that time.

He expects of course that Makedonia will win the top four series as well as the championship.

One man who disagrees is Tommy cumming, who's still fighting against a groin injury. "We'll beat them in the top four," Cumming said. "We haven't been playing as well as we are able to but we'll be at

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Europe's top two

Results in the 1980 European Nations Cup in Italy stamped West Germany and Belgium as the leaders of Europe. Indications are that these two nations will be at the forefront of Europe's challenge for the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

No nation escaped the revolutionary fashion in which the Belgains exploited the offside trap and West Germany introduced new and exciting talent to match its renowned discipline.

Here is a series of pen portraits on the players who claimed fame for West Germany and Belgium:

WEST GERMANY

HARALD SCHUMACHER: Goalkeeper Koln. 25 years — seven caps. Tony Woodcock's team-mate and a little fortunate to go to Italy at No. 1. Last summer's car crash forced the retirement of Sepp Maier, then Schalke's Norbert Nigbur needed a cartilage operation this spring. Schumacher, eight years with Koln, played the final with a badly sprained wrist — the result of an injury in training the previous evening and kept secret until after the final.

MANFRED KALTZ: Right-back. Hamburg 27 — 40. Probably the best attacking full-back in Europe, though John Robertson showed he isn't so brilliant in defence. Outstanding during Hamburg's Champions' Cup run, he scored twice in the 5-1 win over Real Madrid. Played in Argentina in the 1978 World Cup as sweeper, a role he didn't much like. It was at his own request that he wore the No. 20 in Italy — though it brought mixed luck, for while he was playing, his home was being burgled.

KARL-HEINZ FORSTER: Stopper Stuttgart. 21 — 17. Younger of the two brothers in the squad. Karl was the first to break into the national team and appears a long-term fixture. Akey figure in the Stuttgart revival, translated his domestic success to international level thanks to a brilliant game against Ceulemans in the final.

ULI STIELIKE: Sweeper. Read Madrid 25 — 14. Left Borussia Mg for Madrid after the 1977 Champions' Cup Final and was told by Helmut Schoen that he would never play for West Germany while abroad. So Stielike didn't bother having a release clause in his contract. After 1978, however, new boss Derwall altered policy — and then found problems getting Stielike released. Hard and skilful but also injury-prone. Has just signed a new three-year contract with Madrid where he plays midfield. Acclaimed the best foreigner in Spain this past season. Gave away the penalty against Belgium, though his foul on Van der Elst appeared outside the box.

BERNARD DIETZ: Left-back. Captain of West Germany. MSV Duisburg. 32 — 45. Paul Breitner's move to Spain in 1974 allowed Dietz to take over at left-back. Joined MSV from Bochum-Hovel. Was rested from the game against Greece so as not to run the risk of a second booking.

HANS-PETER BRIEGEL: Midfield Kairerslautern. 24 ¾ 8. A promising decathlete as a teenager who has demonstrated his versatility as a footballer by playing equally successfully in midfield and defence. Neat control and speed for a big man, he used these finals to establish himself as an international. Joined Kaiserslautern from Rodenbach in 1975. It was when injury forced him out of the final early in the second half that the Germans lost their grip.

BERND CULLMANN: Midfield or sweepr. Koln. 30 — 40.

Manfred Kaltz

Appeared as substitute for Briegel in the final after being dropped following the first game against Czecholslovakia, when he was caught out severan times as a sweeper. Had been Derwall's first-choice sweeper for 18 months, though he plays midfield for Kolin.

HANSI MULLER: Midfield. Stuttgart. 22 — 21. Played briefly in the 1978 World Cup Finals, but was too inexperienced for his own good. Now the rising star of the Bundesliga and a controversial one. A row with his coach at Stutgart saw him dropped from the national team this spring, then recalled because of injury to score the only goal in the win against Austria. Has signed a new contact at Stutgart, but the Italians are still dreaming . . . Muller, in fact, has an Italian mother.

BERND SCHUSTER: Midfield, Koln. 20 — 9. The revelation of the finals. Can play in midfield or as sweeper and wasonce praised as a boy who combines a touch of Bechenbauer, Overath and Schnellinger. In fact, played only twice in the finals, against Holland and Belgium — and starred each time.

KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE: Right-side striker. Bayern Munich, 24 — 35. Joined Bayern in 1974, but after an early run lost form and wasn't even a substitute for the 1975 Champions' Cup win over Leeds. Improved by leaps and bounds under Dettmar Cramer, but was surprisingly shackled to a midfield role during the 1978 World Cup -finals. Was the league's top scorer with 26 goals this past season to life Bayern to the title. Another striker who never quite lived up to his reputation in Italy.

HORST HRUBESCH: Centre-forward Hamburg. 29 — 5. Called up only after Klaus Fischer's leg fracture this spring. Scored 20 goals in the league and led Hamburg to the Champions' Cup Final. But his ankle injury the previous weekend proved costly. He played only a hobbling second half against Madrid and had to wait for the final in Italy for his two-goal moments of glory.

KLAUS ALLOFS: Striker. Fortuna Dusseldorf. 23 — 14. Lively attacking player, happier hanging back than playing as target man. Was the leaguye's top scorer with 22 goals in 1979 and played avital role in Fortuna's Cup-winners' Cup run as well as helping them win the Cup this past season.

BELGIUM

JEAN-MARIE PFAFF: Goalkeeper. Beveren. 26 — 18. Belgain top player two years ago for his form in captaining unrated Beveren to the league title. Nearly went to a Spanish club last summer. Inconsistent form at the start of this past season cost him his national team place and he regained it only on the strength of his second half against Romania in Belgium's last warm-up. . . . and his ability in the air. First class against England, and brilliant against Italy and West Germany.

ERIC GERETS: Right-back. Standard Leige. 26 — 27. Former centre-forward who switched to defence six years ago. Signed in 1973 for Standard from a local club in Limbourg — Standard's favourite scouting area. Rated one of the two best full-backs in Europe by Enzio Bearzot.

LUC MILLECAMPS: Centre-back, Waregem. 29 — 13. Elder of two brothers both in the Belgian squad. Waregem has been his only senior club. Worked the offside trap with extreme efficiency in Italy.

WALTER MEEUWS: Centre-back, Bruges. 29 — 13. Was recalled to the national team at the start of the season after a lengthy absence and despite being uncertain of his

Wilfried Van Moer

Uli Stielike

first-team place with his club — who have, since, with him as much in midfield as defence, won the championship. Displayed great organisatonal talent and no little skill in the finals as well as setting up a wonderful goal for Gerets against Spain.

MICHEL RENQUIN. Left-back. Standard Leige. 25 — 24. One of the most successful products of the Standard youth programme. Can play left-back or stopper and improved steadily in Italy to play his best game in the final itself.

RENE VAN DER EYCKEN, Midfield. Bruges. 27 — 25. Made his reputation as a free-scoring midfielder in Bruges' 1976 UEFA Cup run and 1978 Champions' Cup progress. Hasn't developed as wel las had been hoped, but worked valiantly throughout the finals and, of course, converted the penalty in the final.

WILFRIED VAN MOER. Midfield. Beringen. 35 — 4. Won his first cap almost 15 years ago, while with Standard Liege. Played in the 1970 World Cup Finals in Mexico but in the next European Championship suffered against Italy the broken leg which almost ended hiscareer. Recalled in a successful gamble by Thys last autumn to run the midfield.

JULIEN COOLS. Midfield. Captain of Belgium. Beerschot. 33 — 35. Was Bruges' best player in the 1978 Champions' Cup Final against Liverpool, but two years later was virtually given away to Beerschot. Scored the winner against Spain to underline his new lease of life.

RAYMOND MOMMENS. Midfield. Lokeren. 25 — 5. Hand played only once, in a 'dead' World Cup qualifier against Northern Ireland more than two years ago, before being called into the squad late by Thys. Rewarded his manager with his well-disciplined football both when called on as substitute (twice and twice from the start.

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DUTCH SOCCER WANES

Holland, beaten finalist in the last two World Cup Finals, failed dismally in the 1980 European Nations Cup but faces a more important loss as attendances at Dutch football continue to drop.

Coupled with the loss of international stars to overseas teams Dutch football faces a reversal of the trend evidenced in the late sixties and early seventies when Dutch clubs soared to prominence in European club competitions as a prelude to Holland's success at national team level.

Every year, on average, less people are coming to watch Dutch League matches. In the 1975-76 season a total of 3,297,000 supporters watched football in the Dutch League grounds which works out at an average of 10,775 per match.

However, last season, a total of 2,988,000 watched League football, an average of 9,765 per match. These figures are also not proportionate. Feyenoord's good average gate (26,353 in a 63,-000 capacity stadium) and PSY Eindhoven (with 20,294 in a 29,000 capacity stadium) influenced the overall total.

Other teams such as NEC Nijmegen (6,176), FC Den Haag (6,056), Sparta Rotterdam (6,000), Excelsior Rotterdam (5,588) and the relegated Haarlem (5,294) attracted very poor gates.

For the forthcoming season. Ajax has made the most changes in the side. The Dutch striker Piet Hamberg, previously with Servette Geneva in Switzerland, has replaced Moluccan born Simon Tahamata, who has joined Standard Luik of Belgium.

Dutch international record holder with 74 caps, Rudi Krol, now with Vancouver Whitecaps, has been replaced by Danish international Steen Ziegler.

Ziegler played for some years in Holland with Roda JC Kerkrade, but left last year after failing to agree to terms.

The unimpressive performances of international goalkeeper Piet Schrijvers has led to Ajax buying a new goalkeeper, Hans Galje of FC Den Haag for 130,000 pounds.

PSV Eindhoven have also lost their goalkeeper, Jan van Beveren, to Fort Lauderdale Strikers and bought 37-year-old Pim Doesburg as a replacement.

Doesburg, the Dutch national reserve goalkeeper, played in Eindhoven some 13 years ago. However, his club Sparta sold him because they believed their youth-team goalkeeper van Beveren was better. Two years later in 1970, Doesburg returned to Sparta, because PSV preferred Van Beveren, and again he is taking the place of one of Holland's best ever goalkeepers.

PSV have also lost international Rene van der Kerkof, attracted by the lira of AS Roma, and have failed to sign Dick Nanninga, the scorer of Holland's only goal in the 1978 World Cup Final. Nanninga, now with Roda JC Kerkrade, was priced at 130,000 pounds but in the eyes of PSV that was too much for a player of 32.

The third 'big Dutch club', Cup winner Feyenoord Rotterdam, also lost another player to foreign shores. International defender Michel van der Korput has gone to play in Italy but Feyenoord have bought Luuk Balkenstein, a one-time international with Sparta Rotterdam.

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STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Hakoah	19	14	4	1	44	12	32
Croatia	18	11	5	2	36	19	27
Juventus	18	9	5	4	20	12	23
Makedonia	19	8	6	5	30	18	22
Green Gully Ajax	20	8	5	7	29	23	21
Sunshine	18	6	6	6	24	22	18
West. Subs	19	6	6	7	19	34	18
Altona	19	6	5	8	23	22	17
George Cross	20	6	5	9	18	27	16
Croydon	18	4	3	11	18	31	11
Frankston	16	3	3	10	16	24	9
Slavia	18	3	1	14	13	46	7

DIVISION ONE

Doveton	21	12	7	2	34	14	31
Ringwood City	21	14	1	6	36	17	29
Northcote City	21	11	4	6	37	26	26
Polonia	21	11	4	6	27	17	26
Box Hill	21	8	5	8	20	24	21
Albion Rovers	21	8	4	9	31	29	20
Austria	21	6	7	8	15	18	19
Richmond	21	7	4	10	24	28	18
Altona Gate	21	6	6	9	19	29	18
Moreland	21	5	6	10	23	39	16
Sprinvale City	21	4	6	11	15	26	14
Dandenong City	21	5	4	12	27	41	14

RESERVES

Richmond	19	11	4	4	42	20	26
Austria	18	10	6	2	28	13	26
Doveton	19	10	6	3	27	13	26
Box Hill	21	9	8	4	31	24	26
Moreland	20	8	6	6	25	27	22
Ringwood City	19	7	4	8	28	28	18
Altona Gate	20	5	7	8	15	19	17
Albion Rovers	20	7	3	10	25	31	17
Northcote City	20	4	7	9	18	32	15
Polonia	20	4	6	10	18	25	14
Springvale City	19	5	4	10	17	29	14
Dandenong City	19	3	7	9	23	36	13

DIVISION TWO

Park Rangers	20	15	4	1	41	13	34
Morwell Falcons	21	14	3	4	55	23	31
Knox City	21	8	7	6	29	29	23
Heidelberg Utd	20	8	6	6	33	23	22
South Melbourne	21	6	8	7	33	28	20
Waverley City	21	8	4	9	33	37	20
Doncaster Rovers	20	7	5	8	26	27	19
Ardeer	21	6	7	8	17	27	19
Bell Park	20	5	6	9	29	43	16
Port Melbourne	21	6	4	11	20	41	16
Footscray	20	4	5	11	24	36	13
Melbourne	20	3	7	10	14	27	13

RESERVES

Morwell Falcons	21	14	6	1	53	18	34
Doncaster Rovers	20	13	4	3	54	17	30
Waverley City	21	12	4	5	44	21	28
South Melbourne	20	12	4	4	48	27	28
Port Melbourne	20	8	7	5	21	25	23
Bell Park	21	8	3	10	28	53	19
Park Rangers	18	7	4	7	25	25	18
Ardeer	20	7	3	10	33	51	17
Knox City	21	5	6	10	37	40	16
Melbourne	21	4	5	12	27	51	13
Heidelberg Utd	19	3	4	12	32	42	10
Footscray	20	1	4	15	20	50	6

DIVISION THREE

Frankston Pines	20	13	6	1	55	17	32
Fawkner	21	12	6	3	50	28	30
Prahran City	19	12	2	5	37	18	26
Coburg	20	9	5	6	27	20	23
Ringwood Utd	20	10	2	8	34	29	22
Broadmeadows City	21	7	5	9	28	28	19
St. Albans	21	7	5	9	19	29	19
Yallourn	18	6	5	7	23	21	17
Eltham	20	6	5	9	25	35	17
Ferntree Gully	21	5	7	9	20	37	17
Heidelberg	20	6	4	10	24	35	16
Chelsea	21	1	2	18	18	65	4

RESERVES

Frankston Pines	18	14	1	3	71	18	29
Yallourn	18	13	3	2	44	8	29
Fawkner	21	13	3	5	43	17	29
Ringwood United	19	10	4	5	37	20	24
Ferntree Gully	20	9	4	7	37	35	22
Coburg	18	10	1	7	49	32	21
Broadmeadows City	21	7	4	10	38	48	18
Prahran City	20	7	2	11	27	33	16
Eltham	18	6	4	8	31	50	16
St. Albans	21	6	2	13	29	58	14
Heidelberg	19	5	2	12	26	45	12
Chelsea	21	1	2	18	15	83	4

DIVISION FOUR

Werribee	21	16	2	3	50	16	34
Corio	21	12	4	5	32	17	28
Mornington	21	11	5	5	38	19	27
Brighton	21	10	6	5	45	34	26
Nunawading City	21	9	4	8	39	29	22
North Dandenong	21	5	12	4	30	28	22
Monash Uni	21	10	2	9	33	33	22
Moorabbin City	21	6	7	8	31	44	19
Sandringham City	21	7	4	10	30	38	18
Keysborough	21	6	6	9	19	27	18
Mooroolbark	21	4	4	13	23	41	12
Caulfield City	21	1	2	18	9	53	4

RESERVES

Mooroolbark	20	15	3	2	63	16	33
Nunawading City	21	14	2	5	54	28	30
North Dandenong	19	10	6	3	38	20	25
Werribee	21	10	4	7	43	28	24
Monash Uni	20	9	4	7	42	34	22
Sandringham City	21	10	2	9	41	35	22
Moorabbin City	20	8	5	7	42	34	21
Brighton	19	5	2	12	38	28	18
Keysborough	20	6	3	11	25	46	15
Mornington	21	7	0	14	22	41	15
Corio	19	6	1	12	20	46	13
Caulfield City	21	3	1	17	28	94	7

DIVISION ONE

Sunbury United	21	13	6	2	52	20	32
South Oakleigh	21	14	3	4	37	16	31
Royal Park	20	12	6	2	43	19	30
Essendon City	21	12	5	4	38	18	29
Hamlyn Rangers	19	12	3	4	39	23	27
Melton	21	9	5	7	34	27	23
Rosebud	20	9	4	7	31	23	22
Hotham Untd	21	4	7	10	32	49	15
Greensborough	21	4	5	12	16	33	13
Geelong	21	5	1	15	24	35	11
Clayton	21	3	2	16	22	57	8
South Yarra	21	2	3	16	33	81	7

RESERVES

Hotham Utd	21	15	2	4	61	32	32
Hamlyn Rangers	19	13	5	1	75	20	31
Sunbury Utd	21	13	4	4	45	19	30
Geelong	21	12	3	6	40	26	27
Greensborough	21	9	6	6	44	25	24
Royal Park	21	11	2	8	38	44	24
Melton	21	10	3	8	46	32	23
Rosebud	19	8	3	8	39	37	19
Essendon City	20	8	3	11	25	40	15
Clayton	21	3	3	15	25	70	9
South Yarra	21	3	1	17	38	65	7
South Oakleigh	20	1	3	16	10	88	5

DIVISION TWO
PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Thomastown	19	16	2	1	59	12	34
Carlton	20	11	7	2	43	12	29
Hawksburn	20	10	2	8	35	29	22
Langwarrin	19	9	3	7	33	28	21
East Brunswick	18	5	9	5	27	29	19
Karingal Utd	19	7	4	8	47	36	18
Ballarat	19	6	6	7	24	37	18
Cent. Altona	19	5	5	9	26	32	15
Nunawading Utd	19	5	5	9	25	41	15
Hawthorn	19	3	5	11	25	42	11
Melbourne Ui	19	2	5	12	23	60	9
Bendigo City	WITHDRAWN						

RESERVES

Thomastown	19	13	3	3	54	21	29
Langwarrin	19	12	3	4	53	27	27
Nunawading Utd	19	9	7	3	42	30	25
Hawksburn	19	11	3	5	36	26	25
Central Altona	19	10	3	6	61	31	23
Uni of Melbourne	17	8	3	6	35	28	19
Ballarat	19	5	6	8	37	48	16
Carlton	19	2	9	8	37	62	12
Karingal Utd	18	3	6	9	30	44	10
Est Brunswick	17	4	2	11	21	48	10
Hawthorn Cits	19	1	4	14	23	54	6
Bendigo City	WITHDRAWN						

DIVISION THREE
PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

North Geelong	21	15	3	3	60	25	33
Shepparton City	20	14	3	3	32	12	31
Regent	19	12	3	4	42	26	27
Rosanna	21	13	1	7	42	29	27
Bulleen	21	8	5	8	30	24	21
Mordialloc	21	6	7	8	26	27	19
Boronia	21	7	4	10	27	38	18
Clifton Hill	21	8	2	11	28	36	18
Moe Utd	20	6	5	9	26	34	17
Postal Inst.	21	5	4	12	27	36	14
Berwick City	21	3	8	10	29	43	14
Sth Dandenong	21	2	5	14	22	66	9

RESERVES

Rosanne	21	17	2	2	62	23	36
Postal Inst	21	14	6	1	41	15	34
Bulleen	21	12	4	5	37	20	28
Nth Geelong	21	11	4	6	51	35	26
Moe Utd	20	8	6	6	44	32	22
Boronia	21	8	5	8	36	21	21
Clifton Hill	21	5	6	10	34	48	16
Shepparton City	20	8	0	12	30	45	16
Berwick City	21	4	7	10	24	34	15
Regent	19	6	3	10	20	39	15
Sth Dandenong	21	5	1	14	17	50	11
Mordialloc	21	2	4	15	13	47	8

DIVISION ONE
DISTRICT LEAGUE

Yarraville	18	14	4	0	53	8	32
West Melbourne	18	11	3	4	42	31	25
Brunswick City	17	10	4	3	46	20	24
Moonee Ponds	19	11	2	6	47	35	24
Altona Utd	19	11	3	5	44	35	23
Cheltenham	17	9	3	5	43	25	21
Central City	18	7	3	8	45	46	17
Burnley	18	6	3	9	27	40	15
Mitcham Utd	18	3	5	10	30	43	11
Monbulk	19	4	1	14	31	54	9
Banksia	18	2	4	12	14	44	8
Pascoe Vale	17	2	4	12	22	63	8

RESERVES

Moonee Ponds	18	13	3	2	41	7	29
Central City	18	13	2	3	52	18	28
West Melbourne	18	12	3	3	48	30	27
Yarraville	18	11	3	4	35	17	25
Brunswick City	17	7	5	5	37	33	19
Altona Utd	19	6	5	8	35	27	17
Monbulk	18	7	4	8	28	31	18
Burnley	18	7	2	9	25	32	16
Cheltenham	18	5	4	9	31	40	14
Banksia	18	4	6	8	24	33	14
Mitcham Utd	19	4	4	11	24	38	12
Pascoe Vale	18	0	1	16	8	79	1

DIVISION TWO
DISTRICT LEAGUE

Malvern City	19	15	1	3	68	29	31
Abbotsford Tassa	19	12	4	3	71	29	28
Nth Sunshine	19	12	4	3	49	19	28
East Carlton	18	10	4	4	34	21	24
Cent. Brunswick	18	9	3	6	47	40	21
Ascot Utd	19	7	5	7	42	42	19
Vermont	19	6	6	7	42	37	18
W. Brunswick	17	6	6	5	36	34	18
Hampton Wanderers	19	6	1	12	39	68	13
Yarraleen	17	4	2	11	24	54	10
Diamond Creek	18	2	2	14	28	68	6
Nth Melb. Utd	18	1	2	15	14	55	4

RESERVES

Nth Sunshine	19	15	3	1	49	10	33
W. Brunswick	17	11	2	4	48	19	24
Abbotsford Tassa	19	8	4	7	31	22	20
Vermont	18	8	4	6	38	33	20
Hampton Wanderers	19	9	2	8	42	46	20
East Carlton	18	8	3	7	32	30	19
Yarraleen	17	7	3	7	27	32	17
Ascot Utd	19	6	2	11	32	39	14
Cent. Brunswick	18	6	2	10	23	37	14
Diamond Creek	19	6	2	11	26	40	14
Malvern City	18	6	1	11	17	40	13
Nth Melbourne	19	4	4	11	16	33	12

DIVISION THREE
DISTRICT LEAGUE

West Geelong	19	15	3	1	56	14	33
Clarinda	18	13	3	3	44	17	27
Mossfiel Rgrs	18	10	4	4	30	15	24
Seaford Utd	19	8	5	6	36	32	21
Balaclava	17	9	3	5	26	29	21
Cranbourne	19	9	2	8	33	31	20
Port Utd	17	5	8	4	31	26	18
Parkmore	18	7	2	9	30	32	16
Batman Utd	19	5	4	10	52	50	14
Murrumbeena Utd	19	3	6	10	25	42	12
Noble Park	18	5	2	10	28	51	12
Baxter	19	0	2	17	11	65	2

RESERVES

Batman Utd	19	15	2	2	59	16	32
Mossfield Rgrs	18	14	2	2	52	15	30
W Geelong	19	12	4	3	39	20	28
Clarinda	19	8	6	5	46	38	22
Murrumbeena	18	8	5	5	46	27	21
Balaclava	19	7	4	8	35	37	18
Seaford Utd	19	6	5	8	40	42	17
Port Utd	17	6	3	8	31	33	15
Cranbourne	18	4	4	10	27	43	10
Noble Park	17	4	2	11	21	44	10
Parkmore	19	3	4	12	27	54	10
Baxter	19	2	3	14	24	71	7

THE AMATEUR LEAGUE

Macleod Utd	19	16	2	1	79	14	34
Maccaby Hakoah	17	14	1	2	67	16	29
Lyndale Utd	17	13	2	2	68	25	28
Meadow Park	18	8	5	5	32	27	21
Chadstone	17	6	6	5	39	32	18
Latrobe Uni	17	6	4	7	33	35	16
Hose Utd	18	8	0	10	36	47	16
Bundoora	16	6	2	8	26	39	14
Melb. Uni Am.	19	6	1	12	29	49	13
RMIT	17	5	2	10	22	49	12
Kooyong Rangers	16	4	2	10	25	51	10
Balwyn City	17	3	3	11	19	57	9
Concord	16	0	4	12	16	50	4

YOUTH LEAGUE
CENTRAL

Hakoah	17	11	1	5	48	24	23
Moreland	14	9	3	2	43	21	21
Austria	13	9	2	2	39	13	20
Essendon	15	7	3	5	40	23	16
George Cross	16	5	5	6	35	31	15
Croydon City	14	6	3	5	37	23	15
Waverley	13	5	5	3	31	23	15
Altona City	15	5	4	6	20	24	14
Broadmeadows	16	4	1	11	23	48	11
Juventus	16	3	3	10	19	42	9
Frankston City	9	3	1	5	22	24	7
Melton	15	3	1	11	14	77	7

SOUTH EAST

Springvale City	14	12	0	2	53	20	24
Ferntree Gully	12	7	3	2	32	22	17
Rosanna	11	6	1	4	32	21	13
Mooroolbark	12	6	1	5	30	22	13
Box Hill	11	5	2	4	26	30	12
Brighton	13	5	1	7	27	28	11
Knox City	11	4	2	5	32	28	10
Frankston Pines	11	4	2	5	19	25	10
Doveton	12	3	0	9	20	35	6
Sunbury Utd	11	1	0	10	21	60	2

Europe's top two

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FRANCOIS VAN DER ELST. Midfield/attack. New York Cosmos. 26 — 34. One of Europe's livelist forwards, scoring twice for Anderlecht when they beat Wast Ham in the 1976 Cup-winners' Cup Final. Can play as well at right-back and in midfield. Loyalty to Anderlecht was such that he even had his house painted in their mauve and blue colours before his end-of-season sale to Cosmos for 500,000 pounds.

JAN CEULEMANS. Stroker. Bruges. 23 — 18. One of the outstanding players of the finals. Strong, powerful and possessing a hard shot. Scored Belgium's quick-fire equaliser against England and kept Italy's defenders fully occupied in the last group game. Only ran out of steam in the final. Has succeeded the Lions of Flanders, Raoul Lambert, as the Bruges fans' hero. Second top scorer in Belgium last season with 29 goals behind his old Lierse club-mate, Erwin Van den Bergh.

— From "WORLD SOCCER"

Cohen for England, Best still firing

From JIM COOK our European correspondent

BRIGHTON hopes to sign 22-year-old Israeli left-back Jakob Cohen, who looked set to join Arsenal until Kenny Sansom came on the Highbury scene.

★ ★ ★

GEORGE BEST scored both goals when San Jose Earthquakes lost 3-2 to Portland Timbers. "I don't hink I've ever seen him play better," reports Portland boss Vic Crowe. There has been talk that George, still on the books of Scottish club, Hibernian, may have a trial run with Southampton. But he has already agreed to rejoin San Jose next summer.

★ ★ ★

TEACHER Suzanne Hewitt is planning to flee Bermuda in a last-ditch bid to forget her ex-lover, former England goalkeeper Gordon Banks. Friends say Suzanne, 28, who had an 11-year affair with Banks, is in a state of shock after appearing in court on a shoplifting charge.

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Arsenal may get only around 350,000 pounds from Juventus for Liam Brady. The strong pound already reduced the ceiling price of 600,000 pounds set by UEFA to around 512,000 pounds, the rate for two million Swiss francs. But Arsenal will get less then three quarters of that amount as UEFA stipulates that at the end of a player's contract his fee cannot exceed ten times his wages for the previous season.

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Paul Rideout, 16, the hottest schoolboy property in England, who had played 11 times for his country, scored a barrowload of goals, ignored approaches from many of the First and Second division clubs and signed for his hometown side Swindon Town as a 20 pounds per week apprentice.

★ ★ ★

It seems Canada will have two more teams in the North American League next season, with clubs in Memphis and Philadelphia transferring to Calgary and Montreal. Presently Canada is represented by Vancouver Whitecaps; Toronto Blizzards, and Edmononton Drillers.

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Twelve youths were killed and many injured in roiting which broke out in Calcutta at the match between Mogun Bahn and Bengal after a player from each side was ordered off.

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Sheffield Wednesday, managed by Jack Charlton, are the latest to jump on the Yugoslavia bandwagon and may sign a top midfielder for around 200,000 pounds.

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Hungarian side Diosgyori Miskolc, who were thrashed 6-0 by Celtic in their first leg European Cup-Winners Cup at Glasgow, run 10 teams and employ 13 full-time coaches.

★ ★ ★

Scottish League attendances have dropped nearly 600,000 in the past two years.

★ ★ ★

John Hollins the Arsenal midfielder will become the First Divisions' first pensioner next July when he is 35. Hollins joined the scheme when he was with Chelsea.

This picture has been submitted by Peter Langford of 46 Summit Crescent, Ringwood, Vic., 3134. It shows Mick Edwards in action for Croydon City in a Victorian State League game against George Cross.

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DOVETON

STANDING: Dan McMinimee (coach); Neil Collyer (from Croatia Whyalla 1980); Ernie Merrick (from Frankston 1979); Peter Thurlow (from juniors); Lou Ivanoff (from Mooroolbark 1978); Paul Corke (from Box Hill 1980); Mark Walters (from Industrial League 1980); Brian Kay (club manager); John McFarlane (president).

FRONT: Alan Quinn (from Dandenong City 1980); John McDonald (from Lyndale juniors 1979); Arthur Cherry (from Springvale 1980); Alex McConville (capt., from George Cross 1979); Hugh Campbell (from Springvale 1980); Gordon Bentley (from Albion Rovers 1978); Steve Irvine (from Scotland, 1977). Picture by LES SHORROCK

• Doveton was formed as a junior club in 1966. In 1970 the senior club was formed by founder members including Dave Myatt, John Smith, John Watson, Bill Young and Roger Hamill. In 1970 and 71 the Doves played in the Victorian District League and in 1972 they joined the Provisional League. In 1973 Doveton successfully applied for membership of Metro Division Four. The club's honours list includes: runner-up Fourth Division 1973; runner-up Third Division 1975; league champion Second Division 1977. This season sees the Doves set to gain promotion into the Victorian State League. Doveton plans to consolidate its State League status before going for the championship in Victoria's premier competition.

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LOS CHAVALES DE BANDERA.. LOS MOROCHOS DIERON CATEDRA EMPATARON LOS CHARRUAS...

PELIGRO DE GOOOLLL

— Oscar Perea

Renuncia Martinez de Hoz ... no tiene plata para importar el WEST MELBOURNE

West Melbourne 0 Yarraville 0

Para ser campeon no solo hay que ganar siempre, sino tener "la suerte del campeon", para cuando las cosas no salen. Y el YARRAVILLE, gran equipo,lo tiene, juego y suerte. Por eso no dejo el invicto en el "POLO PARK". Partido sensacional de los GAUCHOS.

WEST MELBOURNE; CISTERNA-HIMSWORTH-SUAREZ-MOYANO-RANITI (BRIZZIO)-DITTO RUIZ-SILVA (LAGOS)-REFOJOS-ZARCO-CALOMINO.

Estaba en el aire, los GAUCHOS salieron con los dientes apretados a "explicarle" al YARAVILLE que lo de la primera rueda no era "cierto". Primer tiempo viento a favor, los 25 minutos del comienzo "les pasaron por encima". Los griego no entendian nada. Uno dijo..

-Pero estos no son los mismos PERO ERAN. Esta vez habian ido a dormir temprano, NARANJADA y dormir bien. Medio campo que "roba-y mata". Maestro RUIZ- dirige a los "nenes" Kabubi SILVA y Groovy Ditto, milesimas en la precision de los pases, cientos de pelotas papara Chino Zarco-Caudillo CALOMINO y Matador REFOJOS que venia de atras. Se grito el gol 10 veces, pero No. La ultima,e incrible, llegan tocando, solo Kabubi SILVA lo va a fusilar y el viento le "saca" la pelota. Chino Zarco-Groovy Ditto llegan en pared, el San Benito de los Griegos dijo No A los 30 minutos desnivel, el medio se queda, porque la verdad era para no creer que la pelota no entrara. Los griego arman, bajan como pueden el balon, EL VIENTO ERA DE MIL kilometros por hora, y llegan a CISTERNA, que responde bien La defensa GAUCHA se afirma en los cruces de CHARRUA SUAREZ y en la experiencia de Manija MOYANO, que a los "gritos" los ordena. Mientras que en las puntas, aplausos para Malvinas HIMSWORTH que jugo una barbaridad de cuatro, mandandose como otro atacante y el afirmarse de Largirucho RANITI, que va mucho mejor a la "marca" sin foul, pero firme. Un equipo de "verdad". Termina cero a cero. Ahora a aguantar el viento, dijo alguien, pero varios que saben dijeron NO, ahora es mejor para nosotros, AL PIE, TOQUE y OLE. Y asi fue, empieza el segundo, YARRAVILLE dice "A CORRERRRRR", pero MANIJA MOYANO (gran partido) dice...MOMENTITO, y le pone freno, RUIZ-SILVA, frenan tocan, DITTO sigue dejando en el camino gente amontonada y entonces aparece um CHINO ZARCO, um MALVINAS HIMSWORTH, REFOJOS-CALOMINO se hacen "novios" por la zurda y atras CHARRUA SUAREZ, deja los pulmones y grita.."VAYAN que yo y RANITI aguantamos".

Y sabe que paso, QUE DEL VIENTO NADIE SE ACORDO. Porque el WEST MELBOURNE jugo los mejores 45 minutos decimos 45... TODOS, mejores del año.Y se salvan, milagrosamente dos, tres, cincuenta veces.

KABUBI SILVA se va acalambrado do, LARGIRUCHO RANITI se queda en una pierna y entran LAGOS muy poco para juzgarlo y BRIZZIO, que hizo cosas increibles. Y los demolio picando. Le anularon un gol a ZARCO, no por off-side, sino porque goles asi no pueden ser ciertos. Y falta un minuto. BRIZZIO, corrida, "ya le da...no ahora..."taco" corre, se cae, le da, va al medio, entran todos..pin..pan..pum..hoooo.NO. Termina el partido, se abrazan todos, LOS HINCHAS GRIEGOS vienen a felicitar, si señor, "ARGENTINOS BLOODY BEATUIFULL...MAMMMA MIA"...

PRXMA FECHA; En el dia de papa vamos a almorzar a la casa del tio GALLEGO. NO SE LE OCURRA llegar TARDE...NO FALTE..

Banksia 0 Burnley 2

Jugando contra un equipo desesperado, pero sin dejarse arrastrar por ellos LOS CHAVALES ganan em una tarde de viento y frio, PENSANDO un partido que miraba con siete dias de adelanto. BUEN TRIUNFO.

BURNLEY S.C.; LOPEZ-F.CALLE-MONTES-GUIMAREY LEON-IGLESIAS-PINAS-CALLE-GIL COMPANY- SAZ, sin cambios y en gran forma la defensa espanola aguanta los primeros minutos donde el balon parecia un "globo" mas que algo para retener. El medio campo se afirma, y la experiencia de GUIMAREY, PINAS van dando frutos.

El CHAVAL Leon, juega balones precisos a los pies de Computadora IGLESIAS, que falto de futbol, pierde algunas y gana otras, pero muestra la "calidad de uno de los jugadores mas finos de nuestro futbol.

Asi, como quien construye una casa, LOS CHAVALES elaboran um triunfo, COMPANY y Furia se encuentran y ATENCION...AHI hay GOL. Y los hay, jugada por la derecha, bien MARIANO SAZ, buen balon para la entrada de COMPANY, fuerte y GOL. Dos minutos despues otra vez MARIANO toque, medio Juan Furia CALLE mide y ZAM...a gritar. Dos a cero y a prepararnos para el domingo. EL BANKSIA no puede y se estrella contra una defensa que no solo lo supera, sino qu "SABE MUCHO MAS".

Dos puntos que traen tranquilidad y al perder TODOS los de abajo, NO HAY MAS PELIGRO.

PROXIMA FECHA; Por ser domingo dia del padre, invitaron a los primos Gauchos, en FLEMINGTON EL CLASICO OTRA VEZ. Primera rueda empate 1 a 1. Y el domingo...?????NO FALTAR, ES FIESTA

W. Brunswick 2 C. Brunswick 2

Jugando bastante mal, pero con fuerza y ganas, LOS CHARRUAS salvan um punto, gracias a la generosidad del arbitro que da un penal, que sirve para el empate.
WEST BRUNSWICK; PERDOMO-BALMACEDA-VEZZOSO-QUINOY-D'ANGELO-SALVO-LA BRECCA-J.GONEZ-G.GONEZ-NIN-BILOTTA-
Los dos goles ALVARO SALVO.
El primero de tiro libre, magnifico, por entre la barrera imparable. El segundo de penal con una violencia inusitada.
En lineas generales, el equipo URUGUAYO, juega bien, y recupera un partido en el que estaba actuando no muy feliz. La velocidad de los italianos es cosa seria y el viento "fundio" a hombres claves.
PROXIMA FECHA; Visitas en WOOD st. ASCOT VALE- frente al aguerrido ASCOT VALE. CONCURRA....

Greensborough 2 Hotham Utd. 5

Si hubieran jugado asi todo el año, LOS MOROCHOS eran campeones indiscutidos. Buen futbol, pelota "cortita", al "pie" y a divertirse, el tecnico JOE DE GUARA, miraba al cielo y entre las nubes buscaba alguna explicacion, JUGARON COMO CAMPEONES
HOTHAM UNITED; CHERPIN-NILO-ORTIZ-FUENTEALVA BAEZ-JARA-RUBIO (CARDONE)-PAREDES-HERNANDEZ-OPAZO-LOPEZ.
Goles y Golazos- Primer tiempo RUBIO y JARA. Segundo tiempo, OPAZO, HERNANDEZ y PAREDES.
Cañonero Cardone se perdio uno "cantado" e hizo hacer junto con Chichá LOPEZ, el de PAREDES.
Buen partido del equipo, BAEZ-JARA-OPAZO-LOPEZ. El resto acompano. Satisfaccion para los hinchas CHILENOS.
PROXIMO SABADO;ULTIMO PARTIDO DEL CAMPEONATO, locales en FLEMINGTON. Despida a los MOROCHOS.

PROXIMO DOMINGO: CANAL UNO SUNSHINE PASARA EL VIDEO-TAPE DEL CLASICO COMPLETO

It's Rapid's title

Tasmanian report
by Reg Tolputt and David Martin

Needing only one point from their remaining two matches, Rapid Wrest Point showed their superiority in the State League by destroying Croatia Glenorchy 4-1 last Wednesday night and winning the championship with a game in hand.

Two first-half goals by Mark Oates put Rapid in a commanding position at half-time but an early goal in the second half by player-coach Ken Morton sealed Croatia's fate and David Smith added injury to insult by putting Rapid four goals up with 15 minutes to play.

Brian Davidson scored a consolation goal for Croatia in the 92nd minute a goal that took most people by surprise because Croatia's formidable forward line of Davidson, Thomas and Spoaleta were rarely in the game, thanks to Nunn, Willcock and Peter Willia who had a superb game at the back for Radip.

Mark Oaks, who unfortunately had to be substituted by Southworth, was in devastating form and along with Smith and Francis, caused Trueman and Payne all sorts of problems.

Rapid are still in the Ampol and Cadbury Cups, so there is still a chance they may better last year's performance by winning the elusive treble.

The Rapid Reserves also won their championship on Wednesday night by beating Croatia 6-0.

Hobart Juventus were off to an early start against Brighton ICL, when Pavodi picked up a loose ball from a corner and shot past Harrison after only nine minutes, but 10 minutes later Brighton ICL were back on even terms when Ian Parker took advantage of a defensive error from Perry Forster's cross to head the ball past the outstretched arms of goalkeeper Jones.

This was Brighton's last game but they will have to wait until Saturday, when Georgetown play Croatia, to find their final place in the league.

Hobart Juventus still have two games to play, Rapid at the KGV tonight (Wednesday) and Ulverstone on Saturday, so there is still a chance of them finishing fourth.

Devonport travelled to Montello to play Burnie who had beaten Georgetown 3-2 the previous week.

McKenna opened the scoring for Devonport.

It was a game of few chances and Devonport didn't increase their lead until the 75th minute through Chris Gleeson. Best and Rigby were Devonport's best, while Parkes was outstanding for Burnie.

Ulverstone were beaten 3-0 at home to Georgetown. Georgetown were 2-0 up at halftime through Scheibl and an own goal and Morley added the third midway thru the second half.

White Eagles finished a disappointing season with a well earned 0-0 draw at Prospect against Launceston Juventus on Saturday.

RADIO RENTALS STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rapid Wrest Pt.	17	14	3	0	61	18	31
Croatia Glenorchy	17	12	2	3	53	25	26
Brighton ICL	18	11	4	3	43	16	26
Georgetown	17	7	6	4	38	29	18
Devonport	18	8	7	8	28	33	18
Hobart Juventus	16	8	1	7	25	32	17
Laun. Juventus	18	6	2	10	21	32	14
Burnie Utd	18	7	1	10	29	49	13
Ulverstone	17	2	2	13	20	43	6
White Eagles	18	1	3	14	22	63	5

State League Reserves: Croatia Glenorchy 0, Rapid Wrest Pt. 6. Brighton ICL 2, Hobart Juventus 2; Burnie Utd 5, Devonport 3; Ulverstone 1, Georgetown 1; Launceston Juventus 1, White Eagles 0.

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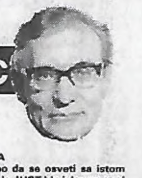

DEMORALISANA VOJSKA

South Melbourne je organizovanom igrom uspeo da se osveti sa istom merom JUST-u za poraz na pocetku sezone. Koliko je JUST bio jalov na ovoj utakmici, najbolje pokazuje statistika. Moze se slobodno reci da se igra odvijala najvecim delom u Helasovoj polovini. JUST je iznudio 8 kornera (Helas svega 3) i 12 slobodnih udaraca sa ivice kaznenog prostora, ali nije poslao ni jedan direktan sut na gol. Vasic, Lujic, Picioane i Kondarios su sest puta bili nepokriveni sa loptom u protivnickom kaznenom prostoru, ali na gol nisu sutirali ni jedanput.

Nasuprot "plavima" Helas je igrao jednostavno, ali sigurno. Svaki njihov protivnapad nasao je JUST-ovu odbranu razredjenu. Milne nikad nije bio na svom mestu kada je protivnik napadao. Helas je izveo pet pritivnapada, postigao 3 gola, jedanput pogodio stativu i jedanput je Potter sa velikim naporom otklonio opasnost.

Iduce nedelje JUST docekuje West Adelaidu na Western Ovalu prilicno demoralisan. To je vrlo vazna utakmica, a JUST je demoralisan. Poetrebni su mu novi duh i nova snage da bi prebrodio krizu.

MAKEDONIJA ISPUNJAVA FORMALNOST

Makedonija je pobedila Altunu City sa 3:2 (2:1), a Croatia Frankston City sa 2:1. Dve mrsave pobede, koje nisu promenile odnos snaga na celu tabele. Dva kola pre kraja prvenstva Makedonija vodi sa 4 boda prednosti, tako da se vec sada moze reci da je prvak Viktorije. Preostale dve utakmice, protiv George Crossa i Frankston Citya, nisu lake, ali su ipalk samo formalnost, jer je MAKEDONIJA vec sada prvak Viktorije.

OSTALI REZULTATI

POLONIA – ALTONA GATE 2:1 (2:0). Tek kada je Polonija povela sa 2:0, Altona Gate se razigrala. Bilo je kasno, ali je ipak sa malo sportske srece mogla da pobedi. Sekula Sekulovski, koji je ranije iz penala smanjio na 2:1, izbio je sam pred golmana, ali je kiksirao. Nesto kasnije je Borce Gelevski pogodio precku. Rezerva Polonije je pobedila sa 1:0.

J.U.S.T. (DRUGI TIM) – BELL PARK 0:0. "Plavi" su izdrzali strahovit vetar do odmora i nisu primili gol. Ocekivalo se da ce posle odmora rasturiti protivnika, ali navala je bila jalova. Milne je izbio sam pred golmana, ali je sutirao u njega, a zatim je Jim Kriaris promasio prazan gol. Pred kraj utakmice Milne je imao jos jednu priliku, ali je nepropisno srusen na pet metara od gola. Sudija nije pokazao na belu tacku. Tako je pomogao svoj grcki tim Port Melbourne da se spase od ispadanja. Medjutim, "plavi" jos uvek mogu da se zadrze u drugoj diviziji, ako dobiju preostale dve utakmice, a Port Melbourne igra nereseno ili izgubi protiv Ardeera. Rezerve: J.U.S.T. – Bell Park 2:3 (2:0). Strelic: Dragan Sekulovski i Milos Simic.

CARLTON/SRBIJA – EAST BRUNSWICK 1:1 (1:0). Ova takmica nije imala nikakav znacaj za Carlton/Srbiju, jer je vec ranije obezbedila drugo mesto i ulazak u prvu provizionalnu ligu. Sa ovom utakmicom je zavrsena za Carlton/Srbiju uspesna sezona. Moze se reci nauspelija od osnivanja i bice proslvaljena u subotu 6. septembra gala-zabavom u Panorama Room, Melbourne Town House, 701 Swanston Strewt, Carlton. Mesta se moraju unapred rezervisati relefonom (Slavko .Djuric 547 4019 i Sloboda Jurisoc 547 1164). Protivu East Brunswicka Sbrija je nastupila sa skrpljenim sastavom, pa je neresen rezultat uspeh. Jedini gol je postigao Dragan Milisavljevic u 10. minutu. Rezerve su igrale nereseno 2:2 (2:2). Golove su postigli: Zarko Pejkovic u 15. i Slavko Drljic u 58. minutu.

KARINGAL UNITED – CENTRAL ALTONA/SLOGA 1:1 (0:1). Sloga je povela sa 2:0 u 20. pinutu preko Baleta Ristevskog, a protivnik je izjednacio minut pre kraja. Jak vetar je ometao obe strane, narocito Slogu, koja je tehnicki jaca od domacina. Rezerve su igrale nereseno 3:3. Strelci za Central Altonau/Slogu: Tome Masalovski, Blaze Geogijevski i Zoran Dimovski.

CHELTENHAM – ALTONA UNITED 3:2 (0:1). Dok je bilo suvo, Vojvodina je bila gospodar situacije, ali je kasnije klizava lopta prevarila nekoliko puta golmana i domacin je sretno pobedio sa 3:2, iako je igrao podredjenu ulogu. Strelci za Vojvodinu: Dragisa Pantic i Martin Stresnjak. Najbolji igraci: George Belanji, Jovan Cankovic i Zlatko Lacok. Rezerve, 2:1 za Cheltenham.

SPRINGVALE UTD./BRATSTVO I JEDINSTVO – VARDAR 23:0 (1:0). Vardar je igrao, a Springvale je davao golove. Strelic: Dragan Jelicic i Nebojsa Dragojevic. Springvale Utd. je imao jos jednu sansu, ali je Dragan Jelikic iz neposredne blizine sutirao pravo u golmana. Sa ovom pobedom Springvale United se plasirao u finale amaterskog kupa. Protivnik je South Melbourne Eagles. Iduce nedelje,se sastaju dva prvoplasirana kluba iz dve amaterske grupe na neutralnom terenu. Springvale Utd. "A" igra protiv South Melbourne Eaglesa, a Vardar protiv Holland Parka. Springvale United "B" tim dobio je dva boda bez borbe protiv Jolimonta, koji se nije pojavio u zakazano vreme.

SPLIT – TARAX 1:0 (1:0). Tarax se je sa ovim porazom oprostio od Inustriskog kupa, koji je osvajao dva puta uzastopce, a ove godine je ispao u polufinalu. Osetilo se odsustvo Ricarda Kresingera i Franka Micica, koji je zbog bolesti nastupio tek posle odmora. Jak vetar je smetao veteranima, dok su mladju igraci Splita igrali borbeno i prozrtvovano, sto im je donelo zasluzenu pobedu i ulazak u finale po drugi put za dve godine.

BATMAN UNITED – PARKMORE/PLAVI DUNAV 1:1 (0:0). Realan rezultat, jer uslovi za igru nisu bili najbolji. Antol Amruz je izjednacio u 75. minutu, posle kornera koji je izveo Janos Sabo. Pobedila je rezerva Batman Uniteda

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Goalkeepers Peter Marshall and Greg Woodhouse won't be arrested after all. It's all been a practical joke played by policeman Keith Davidson, father of Socceroo Alan Davidson. Rudi Gutendorf appreciates the fun. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

Lions hit back

BRISBANE Lions president, John Morcus, has hit out at what he calls the "prophets of doom" who cast doubts over the future of the Philips Soccer League and in particular the existence of Queensland clubs.

Morcus was responding to a recent article in "Soccer Action", written by Mike Johnson, who quoted a Sydney source as saying the PSL would fold up next year.

Mike Johnson's story also said the source stated that the two Brisbane clubs were in difficulty.

"Whether it's lack of crowds, financial matters or on-field performances, it's always the two Brisbane clubs who cop most of the criticism", Morcus said.

"I would like to state quite proudly that Brisbane Lions, for the first time in eight years, is in the black. We have not looked back this year after moving back to our headquarters at the Lions Stadium at Richlands".

He said the club this year received an extra $25,000 in revenue because of fence advertising and that the securing of 100 life members had raised a further $30,000.

Because of the club's social activities at the clubhouse, the Lions Den, another $30,000 had been accumulated, he added.

"Every time we stage a home match at Lions Stadium, something extra has been added, and apart from the $150,000 we have spent on the facilities this year alone, a further $30,000 will be allocated to make it a showpiece of Australian Soccer".

Morcus said as far as gate takings were concerned, Lions were $4,000 up, compared with the corresponding round last season.

"Some clubs in the south should be careful about criticising crowd figures. I have been to most of the Lions' away games and have seen gates grossly exaggerated".

Morcus felt the announcement on 15 September of television coverage, and marketing and the World Cup and World Youth tournament next year would promote a re-generation of interest.

Apart from the PSL next season, Lions are also aiming at entering a team in the Queensland State League and are also very much in favor of a switch to summer soccer.

He said he could not understand the pessimistic outlook when the majority of the clubs were in favor of increasing the size of the competition, with Wollongong City coming in in 1981, and were prepared to meet any additional levies to cover the additions. — BRUCE WADDELL.

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NEXT week: Brisbane City president, Gino Merlo, will have his say in answer to the same article and has given "Soccer Action" his feelings on what lies ahead for his club.

Banovic tied for a year

The previous transfer fee record is shared by Jim Herniston of Brisbane Lions and Ken Boden of Sydney City.

Hermiston switched from Queensland club Mt Gravatt in 1978 and Boden from Newcastle late last year in complicated deals worth an estimated $30,000 each.

Adrian Alson set the previous record when he joined English club Luton Town from Safeway United of Wollongong for $20,000 in 1974.

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Banovic, 23, who signed a one-year contract with Derby, received a percentage of the transfer fee from Heidelberg.

Norris warned Heidelberg supporters that the money would not put the club on easy street.

"There has been much talk about using the money to build a grandstand and clubrooms at the Olympic Village ground in Heidelberg but the fact is that after meeting our outstanding financial commitments, there will not be enough left," Norris said.

"Supporters must realise it costs a fortune to run a team in the Philips Soccer League.

"I'm looking for sposnsorship to make it easier, and I would like to see the Heidelberg Council getting behind the club by helping us get the ground ready for next season." — LAURIE SCHWAB

MONEY MAGIC

with Michael Morley

Judging from the letters I receive it appears there are punters who want to cover anything from 15 to 40 matches while other pools players are requesting a little more information in the making of a planned entry.

This week I shall attempt to help those readers who are having some difficulty when trying to use a systematic approach for playing the pools. Regular readers may recall that the plan I'm showing was introduced in this column some while back and I think it's well worth repeating — not just because it's a simple plan to operate — but also because the plan carries an excellent overall guarantee for the very modest outlay of $1.50.

Playing the pools for the first time always sounds or seems difficult but if you give the matter a little thought it can be much easier than you imagined. I suggest you try this plan and see what you think. Choose 16 matches or any 16 numbers from one to 55. As it's the early days of the U.K. soccer season there is not much to go on in the way of form so you might like to try your luck by picking the 16 numbers at random. Studying the form can make the whole thing a good deal more interesting, but either way — luck or form could prove equally rewarding. When you have chosen your 16 matches, select from these what you consider to be your luckiest or best match number. This of course will leave you with 15 numbers. We can call these groups A, B & C. The purpose of my plan is to use any two groups of A, B & C along with the best selection to make three entries of system 11. To explain a little further this means that we'll use groups A & B, A & C and B & C and of course each two groups will be used with our best selection. It is not necessary to split your selections into three groups as they will automatically be divided for you from the method in the diagram.

As mentioned, my planned entry for this week covers 16 matches. If you would like to try this bet I have left a blank line in the diagram for your selections. It will involve three entries of system 11 and at 50 cents each the investment is $1.50.

Choose your 16 matches and then reading from left to right put your best selection in the first space on the blank line. It doesn't matter in what order you place your other matches. When you have entered all your selections on the blank line use the corresponding X's as set out in the diagram as you transfer your match numbers on to the entry form.

- With eight score draws in any one of the three system entries you would automatically be assured of a first dividend.
- If your best selection is a score draw and you have a further eight score draws falling anywhere among your other selections, you would be certain of having at least seven score draws in four lines of the entry.

Until next week, good luck and good punting.

16 MATCH PLAN

3	1	6	7	10	11	13	14	18	25	29	33	44	46	49	54
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X	X	X
X						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

SELECTIONS

WEEK 6
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DIVISION 1	BIRMINGHAM	LIVERPOOL	1	X
	COVENTRY	CRYSTAL P.	2	/
	EVERTON	WOLVES	3	X
	IPSWICH	ASTON VILLA	4	/
	LEICESTER	SUNDERLAND	5	/
	MAN. CITY	ARSENAL	6	X
	MIDDLESBRO	NOTT'M FOR.	7	X
	SOUTH'PTON	BRIGHTON	8	/
	STOKE	LEEDS	9	/
	TOTTENHAM	MAN. UTD.	10	X
	WEST BROM.	NORWICH	11	X
DIVISION 2	BOLTON	BRISTOL R.	12	/
	BRISTOL C.	SWANSEA	13	X
	CHELSEA	WEST HAM	14	X
	DERBY	BLACKBURN	15	/
	LUTON	WREXHAM	16	/
	NEWCASTLE	CARDIFF	17	/
	NOTTS C.	Q.P.R.	18	X
	OLDHAM	SHEFF. WED.	19	/
	ORIENT	GRIMSBY	20	/
	PRESTON	CAMB'GE U.	21	/
	SHREWSBURY	WATFORD	22	/
DIVISION 3	BURNLEY	COLCHESTER	23	/
	CHESTER	EXETER	24	/
	GILLINGHAM	NEWPORT	25	/
	HUDDERSF'LD	READING	26	X
	HULL	WALSALL	27	/
	MILLWALL	CHARLTON	28	X
	OXFORD UTD.	CHESTERF'LD	29	X
	PLYMOUTH	CARLISLE	30	/
	PORTSMOUTH	BRENTFORD	31	/
	ROTHERHAM	BARNSLEY	32	/
	SHEFF. UTD.	SWINDON	33	/
DIVISION 4	BRADFORD C.	BOURNEM'TH	34	X
	DONCASTER	HEREFORD	35	/
	HARTLEPOOL	NORTH'PTON	36	/
	LINCOLN	HALIFAX	37	/
	MANSFIELD	DARLINGTON	38	X
	SCUNTHORPE	CREWE	39	/
	WIGAN A.	PORT VALE	40	/
	WIMBLEDON	STOCKPORT	41	/
SCOTTISH PREMIER	ABERDEEN	MORTON	42	/
	CELTIC	PARTICK	43	/
	DUNDEE UTD.	RANGERS	44	X
	KILMARNOCK	HEARTS	45	/
	ST. MIRREN	AIRDRIE	46	X
DIVISION 1	BERWICK	AYR UTD.	47	/
	CLYDEBANK	DUNDEE	48	/
	E. STIRLING	DUNF'MLINE	49	X
	HAMILTON	DUMBARTON	50	/
	HIBERNIAN	MOTHERWELL	51	/
	RAITH	ST. JOHNS'NE	52	X
	STIRLING A.	FALKIRK	53	/
DIV. 2	ALLOA	CLYDE	54	X
	COWDENB'TH	BRECHIN	55	/

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Arsenal 2, Aston Villa 1, Brighton 1, Ipswich 4, Leeds 1, Liverpool 4, Manchester United 1, Middlesbrough 2, Nottingham Forest 5, Southampton 3, Wolverhampton 2, Tottenham 0, Coventry 0, West Bromwich 0, Everton 0, Leicester 2, Norwich 1, Sunderland 1, Manchester City 2, Stoke 0, Birmingham 1, Crystal Palace 0.

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Blackburn 2, Bristol Rovers 2 (played on Bristol City ground), Cardiff 4, Chelsea 1, Derby 1, Newcastle 2, Sheffield Wednesday 3, Swansea 1, Watford 1, West Ham 4, Wrexham 3, Shrewsbury 0, Grimsby 2, Orient 2, Queens Park Rangers 1, Bolton 0, Luton 1, Preston 0, Bristol City 0, Notts County 0, Oldham Athletic 2.

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE: Barnsley 2, Blackpool 0, Carlisle 1, Charlton 2, Chesterfield 2, Exeter 4, Milwall 1, Oxford 0, Reading 4, Rotherham 0, Walsall 2, Sheffield United 1, Portsmouth 2, Newport 4, Burnley 0, Gillingham 0, Colchester 0, Chester 0, Plymouth 0, Swindon 1, Huddersfield 0, Brentford 3.

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR: Bury 1, Crewe 0, Hartlepool 1, Hereford 1, Peterborough 2, Port Vale 0, Scunthorpe 1, Torquay 2, Wigan 1, Darlington 2, Lincoln 3, Doncaster 0, York 1, Bradford 2, Mansfield 0, Wimbledon 2, Bournemouth 0, Aldershot 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP SECOND ROUND SECOND LEG: Arbroath 0, Dundee 3 (Dundee win 5-0 on aggregate), Ayr 1 (Ayr win 3-1 on aggregate), Queen of South 0, Berwick 0, Aberdeen 4 (Aberdeen win 12-1 on aggregate), Clydebank 2 (Clydebank win 4-2 on aggregate), Meadowbank 1, Clyde 2 (Clyde win 2-1 on aggregate), Brechin 1, Cowdenbeath 1, Dundee United 4 (Dundee United win 8-1 on aggregate), Dunfermline 1, Kilmarnock 2 (Kilmarnock win 2-1 on aggregate), Hibernian 1 (Hibernian win 3-1 on aggregate), Alloa 1, Montrose 1, Hearts 3 (Hearts win 5-2 on aggregate), Motherwell 6 (Motherwell win 6-1 on aggregate), Stenhousemuir 1, Queens Park 1, Partick 1 (Partick win 4-2 on aggregate), Raith

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MIDWEEK RESULTS

ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP: Birmingham 2 Bristol City 1, Bolton 0 Crystal Palace 3, Burnley 0 West Ham 2, Cambridge 3 Wolverhampton 1, Carlisle 1 Charlton 2, Chesterfield 3 Oxford 1, Mansfield 0 Barnsley 0, Middlesborough 3 Ipswich 1, Newport 1 Notts County 1, Oldham 3 Portsmouth 2, Preston 1 Wigan 0, Queens Park Rangers 0 Derby 0, Shrewsbury 1 Norwich 1, Southampton 4 Watford 0, Swansea 1 Arsenal 1, West Bromwich 1 Leicester 0, Wimbledon 2 Sheffield Wednesday 1, Brigton 3 Tranmere 1, Everton 3 Blackpool 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Dundee 2 Arbroath 0, Albion 1 St Mirren 2.

ENGLISH FIRST DIVISION

Ipswich	4	2	0	0	6	0	1	1	0	3	2	7
Southampton	4	2	0	0	5	1	1	1	0	3	2	7
Aston Villa	4	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	4	3	7
Sunderlnd	4	1	0	1	4	3	1	1	0	5	1	5
Liverpl	4	2	0	0	7	1	0	1	1	0	2	5
Nottm For	4	2	0	0	7	1	0	1	1	0	2	5
Tottenhm	4	1	1	0	4	2	1	0	1	4	5	5
Arsenal	4	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	1	2	3	5
Wolves	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	1	3	5
Man Utd	4	1	1	0	4	1	0	1	1	0	1	4
Leicester	4	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	2	4
WBA	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Birmnghm	4	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	2	2	5	3
Brighton	4	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	1	2	4	3
Coventry	4	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	2	1	4	3
Middlesbro	4	1	1	0	5	2	0	0	2	2	8	3
Everton	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	7	3
Norwich	4	1	0	1	7	4	0	0	2	1	5	2
Crystal Pal	4	1	0	1	8	6	0	0	2	0	5	2
Leeds Utd	4	0	0	2	2	4	1	0	1	3	5	2
Man City	4	0	1	1	2	6	0	1	1	2	4	2
Stoke	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	10	2

ENGLISH SECOND DIVISION

Blackburn	4	2	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	3	2	7
Derby Cnty	4	2	0	0	4	2	1	0	1	2	4	6
Sheffld Wed	4	2	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	0	2	5
Cambridge	4	2	0	0	6	1	0	1	1	1	4	5
Grimsby	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	3	5
Notts Cnty	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	1	1	1	5	5
West Ham	4	1	0	1	5	2	0	2	0	1	1	4
QPR	4	1	1	0	4	0	0	1	1	1	2	4
Orient	4	1	1	0	4	1	0	1	1	3	5	4
Oldham	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	2	4	4
Cardiff	4	1	0	1	5	4	1	0	1	1	2	4
Luton	4	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	1	3	3	4
Swansea	4	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	1	1	2	4
Watford	4	2	0	0	3	1	0	2	1	4	4	4
Bolton	4	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	2	1	3	3
Chelsea	4	0	2	0	3	3	0	1	1	4	5	3
Wrexham	4	1	0	1	3	3	0	1	1	2	3	3
Bristol City	4	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	3
Preston	4	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	3	3
Bristol R	4	0	2	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	4	3
Newcastle	4	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	6	3
Shrewsby	4	0	2	0	3	3	0	0	2	1	4	2

ENGLISH THIRD DIVISION

Portsmth	4	2	0	0	4	1	2	0	0	4	1	8
Exeter	4	2	0	0	6	1	1	1	0	5	4	7
Charlton	4	2	0	0	5	1	1	1	0	3	2	7
Sheffld Utd	4	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	4	2	6
Readg	4	2	0	0	6	1	1	0	1	2	3	6
Fulhm	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	6	5	6
Newport	4	1	0	1	3	3	1	1	0	5	2	5
Plymth	4	1	1	0	3	1	0	2	0	2	2	5
Barnsley	4	1	0	1	3	3	1	1	0	3	2	5
Chestfld	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	3	4
Brentfd	4	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	1	4	5	4
Blackpl	4	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Walsall	4	1	0	1	5	4	0	1	1	1	3	3
Hull	4	0	1	1	4	5	0	2	0	1	1	3
Gillinghm	4	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	2	1	4	3
Huddfsfld	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	2	3
Millwall	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	3	3
Oxford	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Rotherhm	4	0	2	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	3	3
Burnley	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	6	3
Chester	4	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	2
Colchester	4	0	2	0	3	3	0	0	2	0	5	2
Carlisle	4	0	0	2	1	7	0	1	1	1	2	1
Swindon	4	0	0	2	4	6	0	0	2	1	5	0

STAR GALLERY

With the help of the clubs' respective magazines, "High Flying Eagles" and "Georgie's", we present Ray Farrugia and Don Allan of Melita Eagles and Orlando DeSa and Robert Amos of George Cross.

RAY FARRUGIA

Raymond Farrugia is still very determined to play for Malta in the World Cup. Ray has played full international for Malta, therefore he is not eligible to play for Australia. There is no doubt that Ray is by far the best Maltese midfielder anywhere and although playing in Sydney, he should, in all fairness, be selected to play for Malta.

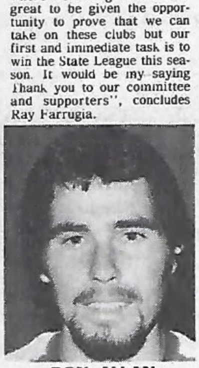
The first game Ray played against Croatia he was given the task of marking Atti Abonyi. On that day, he also scored. Ray rates that game as his greatest moment so far with Melita Eagles. Losing to Sydney City in the Ampol Cup was Ray's worst moment.

Looking back, Ray said: "I think we were unlucky not to have finished in the first four last season, but it was a year of ups and downs. This season it looks different and our position in the ladder proves my point".

He rates Eagles' defence as the best in State soccer. He does not fear any specific player, although he is of the opinion that Parramatta City gave him the hardest game this season.

Supporters have a love-cool relationship with Raymond. He is certainly the one most talked about and most watched. Ray identifies with the birth place of the supporters.

Talking about the future, Ray Farrugia says "Of course there is a future for Melita in the Philips League. That's where we belong. It would be great to be given the opportunity to prove that we can take on these clubs but our first and immediate task is to win the State League this season. It would be my saying Thank you to our committee and supporters", concludes Ray Farrugia.



DON ALLAN

Don Allan rates his hat-trick against Manly at Barton Park in his debut for Melita Eagles as his greatest moment since he joined the club, he recalls his worst moment as being the failure to reach the semi-finals in 1979. He is of the opinion that Melita Eagles in 1980 are a lot more solid than the team of last year, "we seem to be winning the close games this year" says Don.

Don Allan fears none of his opponents and he also thinks that the supporters treat him extremely well, on and off the field.

Regarding the Melita Stadium at Everley Park, Don Allan rates it as brilliant and "I just can't wait till it's finished". Looking to the future with Melita Eagles, he says "in whatever you do, you must look to better your present position, so Philips League must be the next step".

Asked as to what are him immediate personal aspirations, Don Alan said without hesitation "to win the State League title with Melita Eagles". If Don keeps heading them in Eagles can do it this season.

ORLANDO DE SA

Born in Portugal on 16 December 1956, Orlando DeSa is the youngest in a family of 2 brothers and 4 sisters. Orlando and his brothers were always playing soccer and it wasn't long before Orlando joined the local club Mirandela where he was a regular full-back for nine years with this 2nd Division side.

Orlando also had a short spell with 1st Division side Leixoes. He has represented Portugal in under 18 international matches against Italy, Holland, Switzerland, France, and six times against Spain.

Orlando has been in Australia for nine months and lives with his wife Maria in Thornbury. What Orlando might lack in the English language is easily overcome by his charm and friendly character which has won him many friends among his team mates and the supporters. Orlando's brother, who is coming to Australia, was the leading goalscorer this year for Mirandela in the 2nd Division, Portugal, with 32 goals.

Orlando's favourite pastimes are cycling, swimming ande horse riding.

ROBERT AMOS

Robert Amos was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on 21 February 1957 and came to Australia as a 3-year-old. Robert attended Sunshine Technical School and excelled at most sports but it was not long before he srtarted showing signs that his future was in soccer. Robert showed his best ability in goals and this is where his father encouraged Robert with some tips in coaching. His dad also pointed ourt Robert's weaknesses and made him work hard until he had them pretty well mastered.

After playing in the Inter-Technical school competition for 2 years, Robert started his junior competition in the Under 16s with Ardeer. He then moved to Werribee and from the juniors he moved up the ranks through to the seniors, and in 1978 won the club's best and fairest award. Robert stayed at Werribee for 7 years and his move to George Cross earlier this year was a challenge for him. The chance to play in the seniors came his way and although Robert is still learning, he seems to have grasped his chance with some good performances for the Cross.

ΤΑ ΝΕΑ ΤΩΝ ΟΜΑΔΩΝ ΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

-ΠΟΛΛΟΙ ἦταν οἱ φίλαθλοι τῆς Ἑλλάς τὴν περασμένη κυριακή οἱ ὁποῖοι ἐπέμεναν πῶς ὁ προπονητής Γιαννέλος δέν χρησιμοποίησε τόν Μπράνκ Μποῦλιεβιτς στόν ἀγῶνα μέ τήν Τζάστ γιατί ὁ παίκτης δέν εἶχε ἀποδώσει ὅσο ἔπρεπε στόν Α΄γῦρο πάλι μέ ἀντίπαλο τήν γιουγκοσλάβικη ὁμάδα.
Στήν πραγματικότητα ὁ διεθνής παίκτης τῆς κυανολεύκου ἦταν τραυματισμένος στήν μέση του καί συγκεκριμένα στήν συνάντηση μέ τήν Κάμπερρα Σίτυ ὑπέφερε ἀπό τούς πόνους ἀλλά ἔπαιξε.
Πιστεύεται ὅμως νά ἀγωνισθῆ στόν ἀγῶνα τῆς κυριακῆς μέ τήν Γιουβέντους Ἀδελαΐδος.

"ΑΝ πρόσεχαν οἱ παίκτες μου προπάντων στό Β΄ μέρος ἴσως τό σκόρ νά ἦταν μεγαλύτερο.
Η Τζάστ δέν μέ φόβισε καθόλου" Αὐτά μᾶς εἶπε μετά τόν νικηφόρο ἀγῶνα τῆς Ἑλλάς ἐπί τῆς Τζάστ μέ 3-0 ὁ προπονητής Γιαννέλος.

-ΣΤ΄ΑΛΗΘΕΙΑ διαιτητής καί ἐπόπτες(Μπόσκοβιτς, Βένιος,Μπρένναν)τά μούσκεψαν σέ μερικές περιπτώσεις στήν συνάντηση τοῦ περασμένου Σαββάτου ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ-ΓΙΟΥΒΕΝΤΟΥΣ (0-0).
Δύσκολα ὁ διαιτητής συμβουλευόταν τούς ἐπόπτες καί ἄδικα οἱ τελευταῖοι σήκωναν τίς σημαίες τους.

-ΣΤΟΝ πιό κρίσιμο ἀγῶνα τοῦ πρωταθλήματος γιά τόν τίτλο τῆς Α΄κατηγορίας τοῦ Προβίζιοναλ Λῆγκ,τό ΩΚΛΗ ἔχασε ἀπό τό Σάνμπουρυ μέ 2-0 καί μαζί ἔχασε καί τήν πρώτη θέση στόν βαθμολογία μία μόνον ἀγωνιστική ἡμέρα πρίν τήν λῆξη τοῦ πρωταθλήματος.
Στόν ἀγῶνα τοῦ Σαββάτου μέ τό Ρόυαλ Πάρκ οἱ παίκτες τῆς κυανολεύκου θά πρέπει νά παλαίψουν γιά νά πάρουν τήν νίκη καί τήν 2η προνομιοῦχο θέση πού θά τούς ἀνεβάσει στήν Δ΄κατηγορία τοῦ Μετροπόλιταν Λῆγκ.
Ισως καί ἰσοπαλία νά μήν εὐνοεῖ τήν ὁμάδα τοῦ ΩΚΛΗ πού μόχθησε γιά νά φθάσει ἐκεῖ πού βρίσκεται αὐτή τή στιγμή.
Απέναντι στό Σάνμπουρυ πού ἦταν πιό σωστό καί ἀποφασιστικό τό Ὤκλη ἔπαιξε χωρίς ψυχή καί στό Α΄μέρος μέ εὐνοϊκό τόν δυνατόν ἀέρα οἱ κυνηγοί του ἔκαναν ἕνα-δυό ἀξιόλογα σούτ μόνον.
Στήνἐπανάληψη τό Σάνμπουρυ στό 65΄ἄνοιξε τό σκόρ καί στό 72΄ἀπό λάθος τοῦ Τοτσίδη ἐξασφάλισε τήν πολύτιμη νίκη πού τοῦ σιγούρεψε τόν τίτλο τοῦ πρωταθλήματος.
Από τό Ὤκλη δέν ξεχώρισε κανένας ἐκτός ἀπό τόν φιλότιμο ἀμυντικό Παύλο Πεχλιβανίδη.
Η σύνθεση. Ταλίδης,Τοτσίδης(46΄Μητροβσης)Πεχλιβανίδης,Ἀϊτζής,Β.Καμπυλάκης,Κ.Τσιτιρίδης, Νταντάλιας,Γ.Καμπυλάκης,Στεργίου,Παπατσιάς Κριτσιλίδης.

-Ο ΛΕΥΤΕΡΗΣ Κοντοκώστας δέν ἀγωνίσθηκε μέ τό ΩΚΛΗ γιατί εἶναι τιμωριμένος. Ἡ Β΄ὁμάδα τοῦ Ὤκλη ἔχασε μέ 3-0 ἀπό τήν ἀντίστοιχη τοῦ Σάμπουρυ.

-ΣΤΗΝ νέα σαιζόν θά ἔχουμε μία ἀκόμη ἑλληνική ὁμάδα ἡ ὁποία θά γίνει πανίσχυρη καί θά πρωταγωνιστήσει στό πρωτάθλημα τῆς κατηγορίας της.
Πρόκειται γιά τό Κώλφηλντ Σίτυ πού ὅπως μάθαμε θά εἶναι ἡ ὁμάδα γιά ὅλους τούς Ἕλληνες καί γιά ὅλα τά ἑλληνόπουλα.
Θά δημιουργηθοῦν ὁμάδες τζούνιορς πού μαζί μέ τίς ἤδη ὑπάρχουσες θά ἀποτελέσουν τό φυτώριο τοῦ συλλόγου.
Η τακτική ἴδαδα θά ἀπαρτισθεί ἀπό νέους καί ταλαντούχους ποδοσφαιριστές ἀνάλογα μέ τήν κρίση τοῦ προπονητοῦ καί τῆς ἐπιτροπῆς ἐπί τῶν μεταγραφῶν.
Δέν ἀποκλείεται δέ νά φορέσουν τήνφανέλλα τοῦ Κώλφηλντ Σίτυ γνωστά ὀνόματα παικτῶν οἱ ὁποῖοι διαπρέπουν τώρα στίς ὁμάδες πού ἀγωνίζονται.
Τό ὅ,τι οἱ ἄνθρωποι πού θά βρεθοῦν στήν οἰκογένεια τοῦ Κώλφηλντ εἶναι πεπειραμένοι γύρω ἀπό τά ποδοσφαιρικά θέματα καί ἐκτός αὐτοῦ διαθέτουν τήνἀπαιτούμενη ὄρεξη γιά δουλειά,μᾶς ἀναγκάζει νά πιστεύουμε πῶς ἡ ὁμάδα αὐτή θά γίνει σύντομα μεγάλη.

-Η Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ ἐκτός ἕδρας πῆρε ἰσοπαλία 0-0 ἀπό τήν ΕΛΛΑΣ Β΄ἡ ὁποία ἄν καί ἦταν ἀδιάφορη γιά τό βαθμολογικό ἀποτέλεσμα ἐν τούτοις οἱ παίκτες της ἔπαιξαν μέ πεῖσμα γιά νά πάρουν τήν νίκη.
Ἡ ὁμάδα τοῦ Πόρτ Μέλμπουρν πού χρειαζόταν ὁπωσδήποτε τούς βαθμούς τῆς νίκης δέν προσπάθησε ὅσο ἔπρεπε καί ἀρκετοί παίκτες της ἦταν ἀδιάφοροι.
Σίγουρα στήν νέα σαιζόν τό ὁποιοδήποτε Δ.Συμβούλιο πού θά βρίσκεται στήν Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ θά πρέπει νά βάλει ἀρκετά πράγματα στήν θέση τους καί νά δώσει τά παπούτσια στό χέρι σέ περισσότερους ἀπό τούς μισούς σημερινούς ποδοσφαιριστάς της οἱ ὁποῖοι νομίζουν ὅτι ἡ ὁμάδα εἶναι τσιφλίκι τους.
Τό ἄν ἡ ὁμάδα τῆς Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ ἔφθασε στήν Β΄κατηγορία,αὐτό ἦταν μιά προσπάθεια ὅλων.Ὅλοι μαζί εἶχαν παλαίψει.Προπονητής,παίκτες,συμβούλιο καί φίλαθλοι.
Εἶναι δέ ἀπαράδεκτο νά συζητοῦν σήμερα ποδοσφαιριστές της"πῶς οἱ ἴδιοι πού τήν ἀνέβασαν οἱ ἴδιοι θά τήν ὑποβιβάσουν"
Τό Σάββατο ἡ Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ χρειάζεται ἔστω μία ἰσοπαλία γιά νά μείνει στήν Β΄κατηγορία.Εὐχόμεθα δέ τοῦ χρόνου νά βρεθοῦν ἱκανοί παίκτες μέ φιλότιμο καί ὄρεξη γιά νά κάνουν τήν ὁμάδα μεγάλη.Ἕνας προπονητής ὅσο καί νά προσπαθήσει ἄν οἱ παίκτες δέν ἀξίζουν νά φοροῦν τήν φανέλλα τοῦ συλλόγου,σίγουρα δέν γίνεται τίποτα.
Στό 0-0 πού ξεχώρισαν οἱ Ο΄Τούλ,Πέτρας καί Λαρίδης ἔπαιξαν οἱ Καραμούζης,Τριανταφυλλίδης, Παγάνης,Ο΄Τούλ,Δούκας,Α.Γκατζώνης,Λαμπρόπουλος,Πέτρας,Τυρίκος(75΄Γαμβρέλης)Λαζαρίδης,Φερέτης(46΄Μπάχαν).

FROM THE PENALTY SPOT

Philips League Club Directory

ADELAIDE CITY
P.O. BOX 534, NORWOOD S.A. 5067
SECRETARY: G. Ursini (08) 31 0778
COACH: R. Rasic
GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington (08) 332 5614 — 332 5618
COLOURS: Black & White.
SPONSORS: United Brokers

This week's match: v **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at Olympic Sports Field (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.

BLACKTOWN CITY S.C.
62 Seven Hills Road North, Seven Hills 2147. Phone 624 3344
SECRETARY: P. R. Thorne (Ph) as above.
COACH: M. Jones
GROUND: Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Ave, Seven Hills
COLOURS: white, red black trim, black, red white trim black red white

This week's match: v **BRISBANE CITY** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.

BRISBANE CITY
P. O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001
Club phone: 356 8834
SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711.
COACH: George Potter
GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.
SPONSOR: **STOCK 84 BRANDY**

This week's match: v **BLACKTOWN CITY** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.

BRISBANE LIONS
P.O. BOX 310, DARRA QLD 4076
SECRETARY: L. Oudendyk
COACH: M. Carson
GROUND: Lions Stadium, Pine Rd, Richlands, 07 (phone) 372 2989
Colours Orange and Blue

This week's match: v **LEICHHARDT** at Lambert Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

CANBERRA CITY
P.O. Box 910, Canberra City ACT 2601. **Office: (062) 488 215**
PRESIDENT: Theo Moulis (W) 48 8448
COACH: J. Brown
GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce
SPONSOR: BRIAN POLLOCK Ford

This week's match: v **SYDNEY CITY** at National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Sunday 3 pm.

HEIDELBERG UNITED
P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066
SECRETARY-MANAGER:
O. Norris ph. (day) 792 9348, (after 5 pm) 459 4652.
COACHES: Len McKendry
GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb. (03) 42 0642. **COLOURS:** Black & Gold

This week's match: v **ST GEORGE** at St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

FOOTSCRAY
P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182
SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231
COACH: R. Ille
GROUND: Western Oval, Barkly St, Footscray
COLOURS: Blue White Red.

This week's match: v **WEST ADELAIDE** at Western Oval (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

LEICHHARDT
38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHHARDT 2040.
SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688
COACH: W. Wallace
GROUND: Lambert Park Phone 569 6845 (Match days)
Promotion Officer: T. Raciti. Phone 82 0187
Colours: Maroon, Sky Blue

This week's match: v **BRISBANE LIONS** at Lambert Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED
4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289
SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433
COACH: A. Vest
GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd., New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224
SPONSOR: **Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer**

This week's match: v **MARCONI-FAIRFIELD** at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

MARCONI—FAIRFIELD
MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176
SECRETARY: M. Urukalo — (02) 604 5095 or 604 5222.
COACH: L. Scheinflug.
GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park.

This week's match: v **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE
P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182
HONORARY SECRETARY Nick Sagiakos (Home) 528 6196 (Restaurant) 534 4141
COACH: John Margaritis
GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park
COLOURS: Blue & White

This week's match: v **ADELAIDE CITY** at Olympic Sports Field (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.

ST. GEORGE
84 VICTORIA AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.
GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.
COACH: R. Blanco
GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale
Colours: Red, White & Green

This week's match: v **HEIDELBERG UNITED** at St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

SYDNEY CITY "THE SLICKERS"
61 HALL ST., BONDI, N.S.W. 2026
SECRETARY: D. Childs (02) 30 3344A.H.525 7734
COACH: E. Thomson
GROUND: Sydney Athletic Field
SPONSOR: Presto Smallgoods
Colours: Sky Blue White Hoops, White Shorts, Red Socks

This week's match: v **CANBERRA CITY** at National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Sunday 3 pm.

WEST ADELAIDE
G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001
SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 51 6686.
COACH: Billy Birch
GROUND. Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St.,
COLOURS: Blue white stripes — Blue Shorts
SPONSOR Dominion Finance.

This week's match: v **FOOTSCRAY** at Western Oval (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm